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people were killed and 68 between militias of powerful warlords General Moham-Mahdi Mohammad in the Somali capital Mogadishu on Saturday, medical sources Hospital in the heart of Mogadishu said he had received 58 wounded Somalis, many of them women and

#### Mubarak opens 'national dialogue'

CAIRO (AFP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak opened a national dialogue between diverse political groups Saturday aimed at combating Muslim militant violence. The fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood was barred from the talks, because the government refuses to recognise it as a legitimate, party (see page 2) "We all agree on the need to take a strong stand against groups resorting to violence and terrorism and to safeguard stability and legality," Mr. Mubarak told the 250 participants from various political groups invited to attend the government-sponsored dialogue. Mr. Mubarak denied that the call for dialogue was a sign of government weakness in the face of Muslim fundamentalist violence. "Some people have misinterpreted the call for dialogue, thinking it was motivated by pressure and the state's need for a common stand to counter the problem of terrorism," he said, referring to parties which refused to take part in the event. The liberal Wafd Party and the Arab dist Nasserites boycotted the dialogue, calling it a farce.



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#### Thousands of Kurds march in Frankfurt

FRANKFURT (AFP) - More than 30,000 mainly Kurdish demonstrators marched here Saturday in protest at Ankara's military campaign against a Kurdish uprising in southern Turkey, while several people were wounded as Kurds crossing from France clashed with police. Organisers put the number of marchers as high as 70,000. Some 3,000 police were deployed to oversee the march. The marchers accused Turkey of carrying out a "war of extermination against the Kurdish people" and called for an end to German arms exports which they said were used by Turkish authorities in the 10-year-old conflict. Police earlier distributed pamphlets asking demonstrators not to brandish symbols of the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK), which is leading the rebellion in Turkey and is banned there and in Germany. The PKK and several other alleged front organisations were banned in November 1993 after a wave of violent incidents in Germany instigated by Kurds. The rally was called by the international humanitarian organisation Medico, two human rights lawyers and a German-Kurdish friendship association.

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#### Palestinian police graduate in Gaza

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GAZA (R) — The first group of 168 Palestinian police officers to be trained locally graduated in Gaza city on Saturday after a onemonth course. "Your duty is to maintain law and order. This is the first team to be graduated on our home-land," Palestinian security Palestinian security chief Major-General Naser Yousef told the officers. The blue-uniformed force, known as Abu Jihad Brigades, includes 112 traffic and 56 emergency police. Its first woman officer, Imas Shalabi, will be responsible for training policewomen. Palestinian security forces trained elsewhere took over control of

#### **Doie wins lowa** straw poli

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Senate minority leader Bob Dole has won an Iowa straw poll of 1,349 Republicans in a preview of the party's likely contenders for the White House in 1996. But it was not an overwhelming victory for Mr. Dole, who captured 356 votes, or about per cent, to 205 for former **Education Secretary Lamar** Alexander and 200 for Texas Senator Phil Gramm. Vice President Dan Quayle received fewer than 100 votes.

#### **Gulf states report** violations of pact

ADU DHABI (AFP) -Companies in the Gulf are violating an 11-year-old regional economic pact by forging commercial documents to exports, an official Gulf body said Saturday. In a letter to member states, the Riyadhbased secretariat of the sixnation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) proposed strict measures to stop violators forging certificates of origin for their products. 'Violators should be

punished either by a heavy fine or a ban on their exports to member states for a definite period," said the letter. Under the 1983 economic accord, exports by one GCC state to another are exempted from customs tariffs provided they are locally produced or the venture is controlled by national investors. The accord has prompted the six members to demand certificates of origin for any exports to ensure they meet requirements.

## India's smuggler

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Haji Mastan, India's most famous smuggler, whose rags-to-richs story and bravado made him a household name for decades, died in the western city of Bombay on Saturday, the Press Trust of India said. Mastan, 72, died in a plush nursing home in an exclusive south Bombay suburb after suffering a heart attack, the news agency said. The dark, rangy former dock worker from the southern state of Tamil Nadu spread terror in Bombay, his adopted home, in the 1960s and 1970s through a series of vicious crimes linked to his smuggling empire. Mastan gave up his life of crime in the early 1980s and entered the construction business in Bom-

Hekmatyar and ex-MOGADISHU (R) - Six communist Uzbek General have been at war with Mr. wounded in fresh gun battles Rabbani since January. mad Farah Aideed and Ali Dostum strongholds of Maranjan Hill and the Old Microrayan housing estate have not yet been attacked by said. A doctor at the Benadir pro-Rabbani forces, the spokesman stated, although locals reported many rocket salvoes fired against those positions. children with severe gunshot wounds, and five died.

## Sanaa forces press bid to capture Aden

## U.S.demand for truce unheeded

Combined agency dispatches

NORTHERN FORCES pressed ahead with their thrust to capture the southern stronghold of Aden with the besieged city reportedly under heavy artillery and rocket barrages for a third straight day Saturday.

Western diplomats quoted their contacts in Aden as saying an average of one shell or rocket per minute was being fired on the Indian Ocean port city, which has been ringed by northern forces for most of Yemen's

seven-week-old civil war. But there was no indication of any major territorial gains along the front, about 20 kilometres from the centre of the city, said the diplomats, who spoke in exchange for

anonymity. Northern warplanes Saturday bombed a residential area of the city, wounding an unspecified number of people, after southern antiaircraft batteries chased them away from "vital economic establishments," the south's

Aden News Agency reported, without elaborating. Northern reinforcements were seen headed toward Aden in recent days, including 30 tanks and several

trucks loaded with ammuni-The northern-based government in Sanaa has not commented on the military

situation in several days. sified last week after United Nations envoy Lakhdar Ibra-

himi failed to broker a settle-

BAGHDAD (Agencies) —

Iraq and Turkey are close to meeting U.S. and U.N. de-

mands over the flushing of oil

from a pipeline linking Iraq's

Kirkuk fields to the

Mediterranean coast, a Tur-

kish Foreign Ministry official

said on Saturday. Twelve million barrels of

oil are trapped in the rusting

pipeline, which has been idle

since sanctions were imposed

on Baghdad during the Gulf crisis in August 1990.

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Ozden Sanbark told Reuters

before leaving Baghdad. Mr. Sanbark, Turkey's

Foreign Ministry under-

secretary, arrived in Baghdad

on Thursday to hear Iraq's

views on a technical resolu-

tion that will have to be

issued by the Security Coun-

cil before the pipeline is flushed and refilled with oil.

KABUL (Agencies) -

Forces loyal to Afghan Presi-

dent Burhanuddin Rabbani

captured the strategic eastern

Kabul fortress of Bala Hissar

from their rivals Saturday, a

"Bala Hissar fell into our

hands at 5:15 p.m. (1345

GMT), but we are still under

fire from the enemy," Com-

mander Gadoh of the Nation-

Bala Hissar was a major

garrison for the allied forces

of Mr. Rabbani's rivals -

Prime Minister Gulbuddin

Abdul Rashid Dostum, who.

The adjacent Hekmatyar-

Incoming rocket barrages

al Guard told AFP.

military spokesman said.

worked out in New York."

"Most of them (problems)

ment in talks with the north-

ern and southern leaders. The main goal of the north's new offensive, which gained strength Thursday, was to capture Aden airport and an adjacent air base on the northern outskirts of the city to undermine the southern secessionists' air super-

Since the war started May 4, the south has relied on its air force to counter the north's numerical supremacy. Relentless air strikes on the north's supply routes and forward positions have pre-

vented the fall of Aden. The south claimed Thursday northern forces were attacking residential areas and vital installations and said more than 800 civilians had been killed or wounded

since Sunday.

The shelling hit a district called Little Aden, west of Aden.

"Where are the deadlines and the United Nations ceas-efire calls?" asked an alarmed resident as northern

shells hit little Aden. Little Aden's refinery halted operations earlier this month after northern gunners set three storage tanks ablaze. The area also has southern missile and artillery

batteries. A senior southern official told Reuters northern troops were trying to enter the western section of Aden to cut it off from the rest of the port

are very hot right now and

Deal close on Iraq pipeline

Mr. Sanbark said his visit,

"But I cannot say that we

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done... (but) both sides hope.

the matter will be finalised in

the pipeline would not be injected to oil markets and no

transfer of money would be

made to Iraq.
The United States insists

that any pact between the

two sides should not violate

Security Council resolutions

imposed on Baghdad as a

consequence of invading

transfer the proceeds, esti-

mated at \$200 million, to a

U.N. escrow fund, 30 per

cent of which would go for

1991 Gulf war victims and

were mostly limited to the

frontline areas, with the west-

ern Kabul suburbs of Khair

Khana also coming under fire

Initial reports said 10 peo-

ple had been killed and 70

injured, many of them non-

combatants, as rockets

smashed down on residential

districts and positions of Mr.

Hekmatyar's forces, hospital

The fighting was the fier-

cest for several weeks in

Kabul, where more than

2,500 people have been killed

since the latest battle for sup-

remacy between Mr. Rabba-

ni and Mr. Hekmatyar began

Huge plumes of smoke bil-

lowed from around Bala His-

sar as jets of Mr. Rabbani's

forces bombed the hilltop

SU-22 and MiG-21 jet

fighters screamed down from

Mr. Rabbani's main air base

at Baghram, 40 kilometres

north of the capital, through-

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than 20 raids on Bala Hissar

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He said Iraq had agreed to

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Rabbani forces seize key fort

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Mr. Sanbark said the oil in

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Security Council.

Sanaa is sending wave after wave of steel and humans,"

the official said. The north is not abiding by the ceasefire resolution or by the American warning, the southern official said.

On Friday, U.S. State Department spokesman Mike McCurry said: "Northern forces should cease their bombardment of Aden immediately, avoid ground ac-tion against the city and pull back their rocket launchers and artillery.

"Further military operations will require urgent Security Council considera-tion," he said.

A southern military statement said three northern warplanes tried to hit Aden air base on Saturday. It said several people were wounded and houses were damaged when one of the aircraft dropped its load on a residential area.

Three civilians were killed when a shell hit an Aden school housing civil war refugees in the northern suburb of Mansoura, civil defence sources said earlier on Satur-

A Northern envoy arrived in neighbouring Oman on Saturday with a message from President Ali Abdullah

Oman now holds the rotating presidency of the Security Council and diplomats say it is one of several Arab states By doing so, they are for an emergency council committing suicide. Battles meeting to discuss the plight of Aden's 400,000 residents.

The remainder of Bagh-

dad's share, he said, would

be used to buy food and other

urgent humanitarian needs.

He did not say when he expected the flushing to start,

but Ankara wants to begin in

July and complete it in Octo-

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The Turkish envoy also

Flushing the oil trapped in

the twin 990-kilometre pipe-

line would provide Iraq with

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in the south of the city, wit-

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scattered across the war-

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that began at dawn. They

concentrated their fire on

Gen. Dostum's positions on

Qasa Burj Hill, overlooking

had voiced fears this week

that the battle for Kabul

could intensify in the next

few days in the run-up to the

expiry of Mr. Rabbani's term

Mr. Rabbani has refused to

step down if no viable

alternative is agreed and Mr.

Hekmatyar had warned of

renewed bloodshed if he did

Mr. Hekmatyar held talks

on Friday in the eastern city

of Jalalabad with Sibghatul-

lah Mojadidi, leader of one

of the more moderate former

guerrilla factions that make

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was discussing Turkish efforts to get U.N. sanctions on Iraq

Iraq in winter.

Time is crucial since no

EU SUMMIT: German Chancellor Helmat Kohl (left) shows the way to Austrian President Thomas Klestil (second left), Greek President Andreas Papandreou (centre) Euro-

mission President Jacques Delors (first left) and Irish Premier Albert Reynolds as European Union (EU) leaders pose for a picture in Corfu, Greece (see story on

## Egypt welcomes Jordan-Israel move

AMMAN (J.T.) — Egypt welcomed on Saturday Jordan's recent moves towards a future settlement with Israel and said it was willing to extend help in the negotia-

tions if asked to do so. "We welcome the progress achieved on the Jordanian-Israeli track in the same manner in which we welcomed progress on the Palestinian-Israeli track," Egypt's Foreign Minister Amr Musa told the Jordan News Agency,

"If His Majesty King Hussein and the Jordanian government feel it is better to move matters to attain Jordanian national rights in line with U.N. Security Council resolutions we have to support and bless this outlook," Mr. Musa told Petra in a

telephone interview. Mr. Musa repeated Cairo was ready to help push for-ward all tracks of the Arab-Israeli peace talks launched

Jordan and Israel agreed in Washington carlier this

month to start holding the talks inside their countries for the first time.

They announced a series of moves towards future peace including the creation of a cross-border national park and an Egyptian road link. "Egypt's evaluation of the

peace process is still posi-tive," Mr. Musa said when asked how Cairo saw recent peace developments. "The process is at a period

of activity and Egypt hopes it the state of desired peace." Mr. Musa said Egypt hoped similar progress could be achieved on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks.

Jordanian-Egyptian ties, which hit record lows at the height of the 1990 Gulf crisis, have dramatically improved.

Emphasising the need for the Arab states to maintain contacts and consultations in the peace process, the Egyptian minister said his country advocates constant contacts among the concerned parties to overcome any problem that could crop up in the peace process and even the process of coordination itself. Denying that Egypt was

planning to call for an Arab summit, Mr. Musa said that such a meeting must be wellplanned for in advance and accepted by all Arab states. But, he said, Egypt believes in close cooperation

and solidarity among Arab countries, at the summit or other levels as long as such activity aims to serve the

Mr. Musa said Egypt expects the U.N. Security Council to take action on the Yemeni war.

"The fact that fighting continues in Yemen despite Security Council appeals does pose a problem," said in Cairo. "That's what makes Security Council in-

tervention probable." But asked about press reports that some Arab heads of state would meet in Cairo on Yemen, he said, "that's not on the table at the moment.



Mr. Musa said Egypt, Syria and the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states agreed on the need for a ceasefire in Yemen and the start of dia-

logue between the parties.
The foreign ministers of the eight countries will meet in Kuwait next week and Yemen is expected to dominate the debate

## Talks begin Tuesday on widening self-rule

## Rabin, Peres to meet Arafat during UNESCO gathering

GAZA CITY (AFP) — Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) will resume talks on Tuesday in the occupied territories, PLO chief negotiator Nabil

But Western officials have Shaath said Saturday. stressed it will be a one-shot He said the talks had origioperation that will not signal nally been planned for Monan easing of the embargo. day but were put back "for Turkey was a key component of the U.S.-led coalition

technical reasons." Negotiators would not meet in Egypt, as suggested on Thursday by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, but the talks "will be in the occupied territories," he said, although the place had

not yet been announced. Dr. Shaath said he would meet with Dany :Rothschild, head of the Israeli military administration, instead of General Amnon Shahak who led the Israeli delegation at

previous autonomy talks. "Shahak is not any more the head of the Israeli delegation," he said, although there was no official army confirmation of the move.

He said the two delegations would first discuss the agenda for negotiations. They would then talk ab-

out the release of prisoners, extending Palestinian selfrule in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and completing matters which remained unresolved before the May 4 autonomy accord was signed. Certain issues such as the

exact size of the self-rule enciave of Jericho were put to one side so the signing ceremony could go ahead in Cairo, launching autonomy in the West Bank town and the Gaza Strip.

Israeli Prime Minister Yit-

zhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Peres will meet PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Paris on July 6, Israel Radio said Saturday.

The three men are due to receive the UNESCO peace prize at a ceremony on that date, and will use the chance to hold several meetings in the French capital, the radio

"Arafat is also expected to take part in a meeting of donor countries which have pledged financial support to back fledgling Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

Mr. Arafat is pressing the U.S. and Europe for more funds for the Palestinian selfrule government and aides said lack of cash, not politics, is delaying his historic move to lericho.

Mr. Arafat despatched his economy minister to Washington and met with European ambassadors on Thursday to press international donors to accelerate the flow of funds for his administration, the aides

The aides, and European diplomats who met with Mr. Arafat in Tunis, told Reuters he has not set any new political conditions to his return to Jericho, delayed now for several weeks.

A firm date for the trip to Jericho has not been fixed, but PLO sources and European diplomats say it is likely to be by mid-July.

Israeli newspapers and radio stations said Mr. Arafat has set three conditions before he would enter the selfrule areas: Release of all Palestinian prisoners, stationing international observers in the territories and lifting of restrictions on movements of

PLO officials. But Mr. Arafat aides denied they were conditions and European diplomats who met with Mr. Arafat said they had not heard about them.

"These are hot issues under discussion with the Israelis. They are of great concern for the Abu Ammar (Arafat), but they were not articulated as conditions for his trip," a close aide to Mr.

Arafat told Reuters. "I heard such reports and some Palestinian officials' statements suggesting that, but they are not accurate,' another senior PLO official said, referring to comments Dr. Shaath made to Reuters in Jerusalem, accusing Israel of throwing up political roadblocks to the trip.

"The only problem for Arafat's trip is of donors funding flow," the PLO official said.

One of 16 European ambassadors who met with Mr. Arafat at the Greek ambassador's residence in Tunis, told Reuters the PLO chief was concerned about the delay in donor funding and wanted it speeded up. "But he didn't set any poli-

tical condition and didn't even talk on these issues,' the statement said.

#### Likud threatens blockade

visiting Jerusalem. Mr. Rabin said in inter-

worship in Jerusalem and only technical arrangements stood in the way.
But Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of the right-wing Likud, Party, vowed to pre-vent Mr. Arafat's entry to the

views published on Friday

that Mr. Arafat had a right to

Holy City. "Arafat is coming in order to make a political statement that Jerusalom, or the eastern part of Jerusalem, is the capital of the Palestinian state that he intends to

build," Mr. Netanyahu told

Israel Radio's English ser-"I assure you we will take a firm stand. We will be there and bodily block Arafat's entry if he plans to come." Police Minister Moshe Shahal said he did not believe Mr. Arafat would visit Jerusalem without an Israeli in-

vitation. "The prime minister said that if Arafat would want to come and to pray in the mosque in Jerusalem, then he can do so," Mr. Shahal told

the radio, but added: There was no invitation for Mr. Arafat to come and to visit Jerusalem and I still think that any political figure will not come to a place without having an invitation

from the host country." The state-owned radio said on Saturday it did not expect Mr. Arafat to make his historic trip to Jericho and Gaza until mid-July, when U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher was also due to

The Israeli opposition on Saturday threatened to physically block Mr. Arafat from

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## U.S. favours acceleration of funds to Palestinians

WASHINGTON (USIA) — The United States favours an accelerated flow of funds to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to help the Palestinians deal with the most urgent needs of starting up their governmental operations in Gaza and Jericho. State Department spokesman Michael McCurry said Fri-

He noted that Abu Alla, executive director of the Palestinian Council for Economic Development and Reconstruction, has been holding talks with senior U.S. officials and also with the World Bank this week. The talks are to continue early next week.

At the State Department, the Palestinian official met with Joan Spero, under secretary for economic and agricultural affairs; Ambassador Dennis Ross, special coordinator for the Middle East peace process; and Robert Pelletreau, assistant secretary for Near Eastern affairs. He also has met with officials of the department's economic bureau, the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID), and the Treasury Department, Mr.

McCarry said. All of the talks are aimed at the same thing, the spokesman said:

"1) How to make more effective the flow of international assistance to the Palestinians as they begin the serious work of implementing aspects of the declaration. and 2) How to accelerate some of the funds coming from the donor community to take care of the most urgent needs." Mr. McCurry noted "there have been a lot of costs involved in starting up the operation that exists in Gaza and in Jericho."

The United States has encouraged donor countries to contribute funds on an "expedited basis" to the socalled "Hoist Fund" that was established to address some of those start-up costs, he said. Donor countries are also being urged to shift pledges made at the October 1993 donor conference in Washington into forms whose delivery can be expedited. The United States has already put a total of \$20 million into the Holst Fund,

Following is a partial trans-

script of Mr. McCurry's com-

O: I believe PLO officials are either having talks today or scheduled to have talks at the World Bank on the subject of freeing up some of the aid that has been promised, actually getting that money into their hands.

Are there talks along those same lines with PLO officials either taking place here or planned for here, and what is your view at this point in terms of making more of the money actually available to the PLO? Mr. McCurry: There are talks. It's Abu Alla who has

been here, and he has met with a whole range of people in our government. His office here has got a better sense of his schedule, but he has met with, among others, Under Secretary Spero, Ambassa-dor Ross, Assistant Secretary Pelletreau. He's met with some other folks from our Economic Bureau, from AID, from Treasury. In fact, most of the morning and probably early again next week, we'll have discussions with him, and all of them are aimed at the same thing -

(1) how to make more effective the flow of international assistance to the Palestinians as they begin the serious assistance? work of implementing

aspects of the Declaration; and then (2) how to accelerate some of the funds coming from the donor community to week? take care of the most urgent

So there's been a lot of costs involved with starting up the operation that exists in Gaza and Jericho, and in fact the fund that was established - the whole fund that was established to actually address some of those startup costs is something that we've encouraged countries to contribute to on an expedited basis and take some of their pledges that grew out of the October 1993 Donor Conference here and shift them into

dited towards delivery. So we are addressing that. But again I would stress that we've made it clear to the Palestinians that they have responsibilities, too, in terms of providing the right types of structures and the right type of organisational efficiency that can use these funds effectively.

something that can be expe-.

Q: Where will the U.S. AID office be set up to regulate or to control the flow of

Mr. McCurry: I don't have any different answer than the one I gave last week.

Q: Did you give one last

Mr. McCurry: Yes. Q: You hadn't decided last

Mr. McCurry: They were still working out administra-tive details. AID was still discussing that. Q: When you do this, will

you take into account the Congressmen who don't want you to set up in East Jeru-

Mr. McCurry: We'll take into account a wide variety of Q: (Inaudible) East Jeru-

salem - is that still an option? Mr. McCurry: I went through this all last week, Вапту.

Q: A quick one on that. Prime Minister Rabin also (inaudible) publicly asked he said donors should not set up donor offices in East Jerusalem, sort of is that going to

Mr. McCurry: I got tortured on this last week. We're not going to do it

Q: Okay. And here's the main question. (Inaudible) So the bottom line is the U.S. is not prepared to release any of its donor money yet to the

PLO. Mr. McCurry: No, that's not true at all. In fact, through the Holst Fund, we have already released, I think, at least -- I mean, we've done the numbers on this, Sid, several times. We reoriented \$10 million out of our overall commitment of \$100 million to the Holst Fund. I'm sorry. That's an additional \$10 million on top of the \$10 million that we had already put into the Holst

I don't have all the rundown now, but a lot of the funding - some of the funding — we went through some of the funding numbers, I think, a while back, but I know NEA has got them, and you can get them from them.

But we've already put money in for some of the startup processes.

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### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### U.S. urges Algeria to broaden government base

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Algerian Foreign Minister Mohammad Salah-Dembri wrapped up a visit Friday to Washington, where officials warned him the only way to stop the wave of violence in his country was to broaden the government's base. "We certainly are very, very concerned. about the reports that we've heard of the violence and the abuses taking place," said State Department spokesman Mike McCurry. Since a military junta seized power and cancelled elections which Islamic militants were poised to win in January 1992, Algeria has been hit by a wave of unrest in which scores of civilians have been murdered. Mr. Salah-Dembri, who arrived in Washington Monday mef with Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Robert Pellatreau, assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs. "We discussed in detail with the foreign minister our view that the best chance for achieving stability and a more democratic system in Algeria lies in broadening the base of the government," Mr. McCurry said. Wednesday, Mr. Salah-Dembri said that Washington backed Algeria's plans for economic and political reform.

#### Israel's treatment of Romanians worries Bucharest

BUCHAREST (AFP) - Romania is worried about the treatment of thousands of its nationals employed in Israel and is seeking to improve their working conditions, the foreign ministry said. "We are worried about the fate of Romanian workers in Israel after having received several recent complaints," ministry spokesman Mircea Geoana said. Many had complained of being underpaid and not receiving health and welfare benefits and the Israeli ambassador had been invited to the ministry on Thursday to discuss the issue, he said. Israel Radio said a few days ago that some 30 Romanians farm workers kidnapped an Israeli to protest against working conditions. Israel last April agreed to the hiring of 18,000 foreigners, mostly Romanians and Bulgarians, to replace Palestinian workers.

#### **World Court to rule July 1 on Gulf dispute**

THE HAGUE (R) — The International Court of Justice said on Friday it would deliver a judgment in the sovereignty dispute between Qatar and Bahrain over the Hawar Islands and the reefs of Dibal and Jaradah on Friday, July 1. Qatar contests Bahrain's sovereignty over the islands which lie close to its coast and submitted the case unilaterally to the United Nations Court in 1991. Bahrain says this breached an agreement to submit the case jointly and that the court therefore has no jurisdiction to hear the case. The court will rule next week whether it has jurisdiction to hold further proceedings to settle the

#### 'iraq building new canal in marshlands'

LONDON (R)' - The Iraqi government is building another canal through southern marshlands as part of its efforts to crush resistance forces, an opposition group said on Friday. The Supreme Council for the Islamic Resistance in Iraq (SCIRI) issued a statement in London saying the 140-150 kilometres waterway is designed to further efforts by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to drain vast areas of the marshiands. The report could not be independently verified. Shi'ite rebels resisting President Saddam's rule say he is attempting to dry out the area, a centre of resistance to Baghdad, to make it more accessible to his army. But SCIRI London representative Hamid Al Bayati said the new canal, which followed extensive drainage projects by army engineering units in the area over the past three years, was meant to create a barrier in front of forces of the popular resistance. "Our sources have confirmed that this new project will certainly and drastically affect the ecology of the marshlands and the centuries-old living patterns of the area," he added. The state-run Iraqi News Agencyunnounced in April the completion of 105 kilometres canal: between a point near Nasariyah in southern Iraq and the port of Basra. Mr. Bayati said the new project starts in Al Maymonah district, travels south-west towards Al Islah. then changes course to the east to reach the Shatt Al Arab. waterway at Al Qurnah.

#### Aid agency reports mainutrition in Sudan

BRUSSELS (AP) — The Belgian aid organisation Doctors Without Frontiers said Friday that children in southern Sudan are suffering from "catastrophic malnutrition." In a statement, the agency said a nutrition survey in the Bahr Al Ghazal region found 36 per cent of children between 6 months and five years of age suffering from malnutrition. Of those children nine per cent suffer from severe malnutrition, the statement said. Aid to the region is still hindered by lack of funds, supplies, the agency said, adding "If measures aren't taken quickly, a catastrophe is inevit able." Sudan, with its predominantly Muslim north and mainly Christian and animist south, has been embroiled in civil war since 1983. Fighting between the government in Khartoum and the opposition Sudan People's Liberation Army has ravaged the country and hindered international efforts to send humanitarian aid. Most of the more than 1.5 million victims have died of starvation.

#### People who fled Sudan war return home.

KHARTOUM (R) — Thousands of Sudanese who field their homes in southern Sudan to escape fighting between the government and rebels are returning, a Khartoum newspaper reported on Saturday. The government-owned Al Ingaz Al Watani newspaper said four trains carrying 15,000 displaced people arrived at Awiel, capital of northern Bahr Al Ghazal state from Wau, southern Sudan's second largest town. Awiel is about 110 kilometres northwest of Wall, which is 1,030 kilometres southwest of Khartoum. The return of the 15,000 people, who came home despite lack of preparations for the current agricultural season, reflects a reducation in fighting

### Egyptians unmoved by 'national dialogue'

CAIRO (R) — "The national what?" asked Saeed Juneidi. 59, an Egyptian greengrocer and father of six.

"The national dialogue... this thing between the government and the parties they're talking about in the "Don't know anything about all that," said Mr.

Juneidi. "All I know is in the morning I get beans for 75 piasters and bread for 50 for me and my kids to eat and we thank God for that." Opinion among ordinary Egyptians on the dialogue

opening on Saturday on Egypt's political and economic future varies from ignorance or indifference to blind support or total rejection. 'I only believe in Islamic dialogue... there is nothing called 'national'. Islam is the

only way... everything else is a waste of time," said Mahmoud Adel, a 30-yearold merchant. "I am not interested in politics. I know nothing ab-

live," said a banker. Some said whatever President Hosni Mubarak said was

We agree with everything he says," said Salamah Mus-tapha, 67. "The opposition wants to oust the president and seize power but our president is the best president we have seen.

The Islamists are criminals. They should not participate in the national dialogue," said engineer Madgi Al Avvonbi 44

Mr. Mubarak sent out invitations to about 250 participants, including representatives of the parties, trade unions, the media, research centres, universities, councils, women's groups, banks and chambers of commerce and industry.

Mostapha Khalil, acting as rapporteur of the planned discussions, said the government would invite some people representing tendencies within the "Islamic current". But the influential Muslim Brotherhood would not be included.

Without the overt participation of the Islamists, probably the largest single opposition group, many doubt the dialogue can come to a conclusion backed by a national consensus.

The Islamic movement has fed on frustration among youths who feel the political establishment is corrupt, monolithic and unable to meet their economic aspirations. "Islam is the solution" has become the rallying cry for many of them.

Abdul Halim Mandour, an Islamist lawyer, says the state must talk directly with the Islamic movement.

"These militants are fighters and they are ready to confront the state with arms. If the government wants to follow a democratic path it should have dialogue with them and listen to them. It must not confront them with bullets." he said. "What I call for, and I

hope the regime will respond, is that the state conducts a dialogue with the Islamic trends and that the armed struggle between them ends once and for all." Others are sceptical that

the long-delayed dialogue, dominated by Mr. Mubarak's supporters, will lead to bi changes in the paternalistic political system.

"The dialogue is nonsense, iust words for local consumption. Nobody takes it seriously apart from people in parliament, who will show some enthusiasm and clap," teacher Maisa Nafe'h.

Mr. Mubarak first promised the dialogue after winning a third six-year team as president but already the opposition parties are complaining that the ruling party's proposals for change do not go far enough.

They suspect the government sees the dialogue as a way to recruit them into its campaign against Muslim militants, rather than as an attempt to make the country more democratic

Significantly Mr. Mubarak repeatedly put off the dialogue until the security forces felt they were winning the war against the Al Gamaa Al Islamiyah and other violent group.

The opposition wants direct and pluralist presidential elections, access to the state run-media, an end to the state of emergency which has been in force since 1981 and a change in the way the Interior Ministry runs the elections in practice.



AID: Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat shakes hands with United Nations Relief and Works Agency Commissioner-General liter Turkmen prior to signing an agreement in

Tunis late Friday on UNRWA assistance programmes for Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories (AFP photo).

## U.N. fears pullout of guards from north Iraq

BAGHDAD (R) - Financial problems could soon force the United Nations to withdraw its guards from northern Iraq where millions of Kurds are living in western-patrolled safe. havens, a senior U.N. official

said. "If we do not get substantial funds in the next few days... we might have to repatriate all U.N. guards," Poul Dahl, commander of the United Nations guards contingent in Iraq, told Reuters.

> The guards were sent to Iraq after the 1991 Gulf war to look after U.N. offices and relief convoys. Their presence was also seen as reassuring millions of Kurds who fled to mountains on the Turkish and Iranian borders following the collapse of a brief post-Gulf war revolt against Baehdad. •

The 212 guards, each armed with a pistol, have little other than their blue suits as they try to preserve peace in an area covering 74.000 square kilometres. Mr. Dahl said their withdrawal would deal a heavy PUK.

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blow to aid supplies to Iraqi Kurds bearing the double brunt of U.N. sanctions for Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990 and fighting between rival Kurdish groups.

"You might lose every-thing you have done so far," Mr. Dahl said. He said the presence of

guards in northern Iraq, now under the protection of a Western air-umbrella operating from Turkey, was essential to keep an already explosive situation under control

More than 300 Kurds were killed in fighting between Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) and about 30,000 Kurds were displaced in the province of Sulaimaniyah, Mr. Dahl said.

"Without our presence there would be thousands of casualties: and hundreds of thousands of displaced people," he said.

Last month a land dispute triggered an armed conflict between armed supporters of Massoud Barazani's KDP and those of Jalal Talabani's

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"Various weapons were used — rocket propelledgrenade launchers, 160-mm recoilless rifles, mortars up to 120-mm, light and heavy machine guns, anti-aircraft weapons and reportedly artillery and rockets," Mr. Dahl added.

But Mr. Dahl, a 50-yearold commanding officer in the Danish army, said both sides respected the guards and their absence will aggravate an aiready volatile situa-

The local administration in these areas (rebel-held territory) does not have cither the power or the capabilities to enforce law and order," Mr. Dahl said.

Iraqi Kurds held elections in 1992 for a parliament and local government, but failed to disarm their political par-

The guards escort aid convoys, provide communica-tions to U.N. and nongovernmental aid agencies and the Kurds view their presence as a sign of continued protection by the

But their presence in Iraq has always been a thorny issue with Baghdad, which accuses them of being spies. Only six guards are allowed to stay in U.N. headquarters in Baghdad and the rest are deployed in the north outside government control. The guards were targets of

assassination attempts and one from Fiji was shot dead in 1992 as he slept in the northern town of Dohuk. Several others were injured. Lack of funds is also threatening the entire U.N. relief programme in Iraq on which hundreds of thousands of

Kurds rely. The collapse of U.N. programmes in Iraq is certain to be viewed as a triumph by Baghdad which charges the U.N. of politicising its pre-

Iraq rejected a U.N. offer for partial oil exports worth \$1.6 billion which would have bolstered U.N. presence in

Mr. Dahl said he needed up to \$16 million to keep the guards operating in Iraq for another year. No pledges have been made.

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## Home News

## Parliament calls for halt | U.S. says Jordan's 'official' debt is \$650m | Washington also promised to label the first of the see Kingdom's efforts to Dr. Fanek noted that it to fighting in Yemen

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordanian Parliamentarians Saturday voiced their concern over the continued fighting in Yemen and urged a visiting Xemeni parliamentary team left by Mohammad Al Kabsi to help end the conflict and call for an immediate truce. "We call for an immediate thalt to bloodshed and we reiterate our support for Yemen's unity," said Speaker of the Lower House Taher Mastriate and the Lower House Taher Mastriate at a meeting with the Yemeni delegation.

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· Mr. Kabsi said that the war in Yemen was not a conflict between the north and south or between the Socialist Party and the National Congress Party, but rather it stems from a mutiny against legitimacy and the constitution.

Sanaa has accepted a ceasefire and is willing to start a dialogue in light of the reconciliation document signed in Amman on Feb. 20, but "the mutineers have rejected the ; bid," said Mr. Kabsi.

Mr. Kabsi, who handed messages to Mr. Masri and Mr. Lawzi from the Yemeni parliament in Sanaa said that the delegation came to Jordan in order to benefit from its experiments in the course

Yemen's unity and territorial integrity.

The meetings with the Yemeni team were attended by members of both Houses of Parliament.

### Senate sends message of support to King

AMMAN (Petra) — The Upper House of Parliament Saturday voiced its support for His Majesty King Hussein's endeavours to regain Jordan's full rights with respect to land and water as a basic pre-condition for achieving progress in the Arab-Israeli peace process.

Following is the text of the cable which was sent to the

King by Senate Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi.
"The Upper House of Parliament has been following up Your Majesty's talks with the U.S. administration and the outcome of your visit to the United States with increasing interest, and has closely studied your statements at the press conference held upon the conclusion of the talks in

Washington where you re-emphasised Jordan's national rights.
"You have carried to Washington the problems that have be submitted fordan's been troubling the nation and bravely submitted Jordan's views with determination to regain the usurped rights of the Arab Nation. In this context, you have demanded the restoration of Jordan's land and the demarcation of international boundaries and the country's lawful water share as a prerequisite for attaining progress in the bilateral phase of the peace process which would lead to a just and durable

"In all this we take pride in your efforts and voice our support for your quest.
"We stress that any progress on the Jordanian track is

bound to contribute towards progress on other tracks and aims at attaining the Arab Nation's strategic objectives of a just and durable peace acceptable to future generations. 'We deeply appreciate your sacrifices for your people and

wish you success in your relentless efforts in serving the



meets with a visiting Chilean parliamen-

## Visiting parliamentarians seek to advance bilateral ties

AMMAN (J.T.) — The head of a visiting Chilean parliamentary delegation, Mario Hamawi, Saturday expressed his country's total support for Jordan's endeavours to ensure the implementation of U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 and the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination in their homeland.

Speaking at a meeting with Minister of State for Judicial and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Baqi Jammoh, Mr. Hamawi said Chile highly appreciates His Majesty King Hussein's efforts towards establishing peace in the region based on U.N. resolu-

The parliamentary delega-tion represents the Arab community in Chile and a committee in parliament designed to bolster Chile's relations with the Arab World, said Mr. Hamawi.

Outlining the general condition of the Arab communities in Chile, Mr. Hamawi said its members are mainly involved in banking, industrial and trade sectors.

Other members of the delegation who spoke at the meeting with Sheikh Jammoh said they appreciated Jordan's continued assistance to the Palestinian people.
The minister outlined Jor-

dan's stand and its efforts to establish peace and justice in

the region.
Earlier Mr. Hamawi and his delegation met with the speakers of the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament. They also met with Abdul Hadi Al Majali, head of the

Lower House's Foreign Affairs Committee, who outlined Jordan's efforts for peace and spoke about Jordan's economic difficulties in the wake of the Gulf

met with Marwan Awad, Ministry of Industry and Trade secretary general, and learnt from him about the laws that grant exemptions to foreign investors in Jordan.

Mr. Hamawi voiced Chile's interest in promoting trade and touristic cooperation with Jordan and announced that a team of Chilean businesspersons is planning a visit to the Kingdom to discuss possibilities and areas of investment.

Mr. Hamawi said his country wished to promote technical, economic and cultural cooperation with Jordan based on a 1981 agreement signed by the two countries. He said that Chile seeks to create joint committees dealing with trade and economic

relations. Among the limited number of commodities which Jordan imports from Chile are

sodium nitrates and cereal The Chilean group later

## Franco-Jordanian council

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordaman and French businesspersons Saturday formed a Jordanian-French Business Council at the offices of the Jordanian Businessmen's Association (JBA) and announced their determination to boost trade and economic relations between the

Addressing a brief ceremony held on the occasion, the head of the 16-member French group currently on a visit to Jordan, Thierry Courtaigne, said the agreement for the joint council was expected to usher in a new era of closer trade and economic relations.

"Jordan plays a significant role in the Middle East region and French business groups are eager to establish strong relations with their counterparts in the Kingdom to promote bilateral trade and to encourage French in-

vestors to establish small-and medium-size industrial concerns in the country," said Mr. Courtaigne who signed the accord along with Hamdi Tabbaa, the JBA president.

Mr. Tabbaa said that with the agreement the JBA hopes to lay the foundation stone of steady and progressive trade and economic cooperation between Jordan and France through the efforts of the private sectors in the two

The JBA is confident of such cooperation in view of the historic ties between Amman and Paris and also in the light of expectations of the great opportunities available within the framework of a Middle East peace, said Mr.

The delegation's visit and

were sounding out possibili-ties of boosting economic cooperation.

capital was held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan who was represented by Minister of Industry and

JBA officials said that in 1993 Jordan imported from France commodities worth JD 98.5 million, up from JD 78 million in 1992, whereas Jordan's exports to France increased to JD 1.3 million. up from JD 900,000 in the previous year.

vegetables and potash and imports a wide-range of products from television sets and

Mr. Tabbaa said after the signing that the JBA hoped the accord would help increase and diversify Jordan's exports to French markets.

Staff Reporter

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AMMAN — Jordan's official debts to the United States stand at around \$650 million, a formal U.S. statement said Friday amid strong indications that the Kingdom's efforts to secure debt relief from the U.S. could be bearing fruit.

It was the first formal U.S.

public reference to the actual amount of the Kingdom's debts to Washington, accumulated during the 80s. A written answer to a question raised at the State Department said: "Jordan owes approximately \$650 million to the United States government, not including contingent liabilities:"

"Contingent liabilities" were defined as "loans made to private companies which

are guaranteed by the government of Jordan." The statement did not provide a figure for this category of debts, but it could be around \$25 million based on figures provided by the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ).

CBJ figures show that as of Dec. 31, 1993, Jordan owed the United States JD 488.4 million — around \$674 million — of which JD 229.8 million, or \$322 million, were in bilateral loans and the rest (JD 258.6 million, or \$400 million) in export credit guarantees (the dollar figures are based on the present exchange rate of the dinar to

the U.S. currency). Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali and Finance Minister Sami Gammoh, however, have put the total Jordanian debts to the United States at nearly \$1 billion. This meant the possible

lion. But, no immediate official explanation was available.

Fahed Fanek, a noted Jordanian economist and columnist, said: "It is my understanding that all in all Jordan's debts to the U.S. are around the \$1 billion figure." The CBJ figures showed

that Jordan managed to reduce its bilateral debts to the U.S. from JD 311.9 million in 1991 to JD 229.8 million in 1993, but export credit guarantees went up from JD 161.9 million to JD 258.6 million during the same

His Majesty King Hussem said after talks with U.S. President Bill Clinton last week that the administration had promised to consider debt relief for Jordan.

help the Kingdom's efforts to reschedule its debts to other countries, particularly members of the Paris Club of creditor governments.

It was not immediately clear whether the U.S. would be considering an across-theboard write-off of Jordan's debts as Washington did with Egypt and Poland. Such write-offs are related mainly to military debts and require congressional approval.

However, such debt relief may pose a problem for continued asssistance from Japan, which, in principle, does not approve of debt write-off and believes in extending further credit to allow the debtor to continue structural reforms and repay the debts in their entirety. Egypt and Poland are no longer eligible for Japanese

Dr. Fanek noted that it was relatively easier to write off military debts than those incurred as a result of guaran-

teed imports of commodities. Information Minister Jawad Anani, who attended the Washington talks, said Thursday that the Clinton administration "gave a firm pledge" that it would consider cancelling Jordan's debts and help the Kingdom 'obtain a reduction" in its debts to the Paris Club of creditor governments.

The steering group of the Paris Club is scheduled to meet Monday and Tuesday to discuss rescheduling Jordan's debts to the group, estimated at around JD 1.95 billion, excluding around JD 880 million in principal and interest already rescheduled in previous negotiations.

#### **UNESCO** meeting to draw strategies for future

By Karonza Jadonn Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — In an era of social, economic and political upheavals, it is essential for UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) to encourage creative thinking, and help member states to analyse rapid changes and draw necessary strategies that meet their own needs, said Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh, education minister and chairman of the Jordan National Commission for UNESCO at the opening ceremony of the consultation meeting of the Arab National Commissions for UNESCO.

At the five-day consultation, held at the Regency Palace Hotel to discuss the preparation of the Fourth Draft Medium-Term Plan for 1996-2001 and Draft Programme and Budget for 1996-1997, Mr. Rawabdeh hailed "UNESCO Director-General (Federico Mayor's) initiative for consultation and direct dialogue between member states, particularly the intellectual communities, on the brief working document to be discussed during the present

Mr. Rawabdeh mentioned Jordan's advances in promoting human rights, democracy and intellectual, political and organisational pluralism which, he said, "makes Jordan one of the countries that is sincere in its call for a just and comprehensive peace and respect for human

In a brief address, UN-ESCO Deputy Director General and Assistant Director General for Science and

By Rana Husseini

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - An 11-year-

adolescents throwing

In his testimony to

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Technology Adnan Badran pointed to the emergence of a new world order saying, (i)t's role is exceeding terminating wars to guaranteeing freedom and prosperity of peoples and individuals as well as emphasising integrated development, democracy, intellectual pluralism... particularly in developing countries, a considerable number of which are living under the poverty line as a result of undemocratic

Dr. Badran stressed that the consultation meeting is important in order to draw up UNESCO strategies such as the six-year Draft Medium-Plan with which the world will enter the 21st century.

"You are convening today to decide UNESCO's new policies for the 21st century," he said.

Dr. Badran emphasised the important fields that concern UNESCO such as a radical reform of educational systems, promotion of basic education for all to minimise illiteracy, reform of educational content and curricula to concentrate on democracy. understanding, love and peace between peoples, radical transformation and deformalisation of higher education and research, particularly in the developing countries and strengthening of the contribution of science

to human development. The working document of the meeting, presented by Albert Sasson, assistant director-general of the Bureau of Studies, Programming and Evaluation, was, according to Mr. Sasson, designed to be thoughtprovoking and not a plan or a

# AND LATER METING OF THE ARMS NATIONAL COMMISSIONS

Minister of Education Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh (centre) Saturday opens the UNESCO consultation meeting of Arab National Commissions (Petra photo)

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"We need to hear their (member states') voices as clearty as possible. UNESCO is nearly 50-years-old so we need a kind of re-foundation of the whole U.N. system including UNESCO," Mr. Sasson told the Jordan

'We are here to have answers to important ques-tions such as: What is the role of UNESCO? What are its objectives? Then what are the concrete modalities to implement these goals? What are our priorities?" according to Mr. Sasson.

Anther issue, he said, is identifying UNESCO's partners or constituencies.

He explained that civil societies are taking over an integral part of state affairs and therefore UNESCO is seeking a solution to the problem of interdisciplinary involvement and interrelated issues.

Mr. Sasson added that UN-ESCO is the only U.N. organisation that has National Commissions (NC's) to deal with UNESCO's large mandate which encompasses education, culture, science, information, communication,

He said these NCs are necessary to represent the organisation and thus facilitate the decentralisation of activities away from the orga-

nisation's Paris headquarters. The meeting is one of ten held by UNESCO at the subregional, regional and interregional levels.

Recommendations made at those meetings will be submitted to the organisation's executive board at its 145th session in October 1994.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mohammad Hamdan, president of Zarqa University and head of the Jordanian delegation to the meeting, was elected as chairman

of meeting. The representatives of the Lebanon National Commission and the Yemen National Commission were elected as

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The family of five was rushed to Princess Haya Al Hussein Military Hospital where two were declared dead on arrival. The father (42) was listed in critical condition. In a separate incident 41

people were injured, including 8 people listed in critical condition early Sunday morning in a road accident on the Mafraq-Khalidyeh road, police and Civil Defence Department

(CDD) reports said. A police official told the Jordan Times that the accident occurred when a trailer driver failed to stop at a stop sign and struck a bus coming from another direc-

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#### In Jordan's best interest

WHEN Jordan agreed to join the Madrid peace conference less than three years ago, it did so out of its belief that negotiations were the best, if not the only, mechanism for finding an acceptable solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jordan believed then, as it does now, that coordination among the Arab parties to the talks is a necessity without which the Arabs will be in a weak bargaining position against Israel, thus the Kingdom urged coordination and pronounced extra loud that the objective of the peace process should be a comprehensive solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Three years and much rhetoric after Madrid, however, it has become clear that Arab coordination is nothing more than a demand for some and only empty slogans for others. Jordan worked hard to redress this situation, especially with the Palestine Liberation Organisation. But its efforts failed to produce the desired results. It was time Jordan took precautions to make sure its interests were not overlooked, its role not marginalised and, therefore, it moved ahead with its talks with Israel.

Now some antagonists would want to portray these prospects for serious movement on the Jordanian-Israeli track as a deviation from the Kingdom's commitment to a comprehensive peace. This is of course absurd. It is a position that defies reality and an argument that falls to pieces when faced by the words and deeds of the country ever since, and before, the peace talks started.

The talks that Jordan will hold with Israel next month are governed by the agenda which Jordan signed with Israel in September last year, after the PLO and Israel signed their own declaration of principles. Nobody objected to the agenda then, nobody should object to the coming talks now. The objective of the agenda is to reach a peace treaty within the framework of a comprehensive solutions to the Arab-Israeli conflict. The purpose of the coming talks is to find solutions to the problems that Jordan will not sign a peace treaty before resolving.

It is natural, therefore, that the Kingdom negotiates these problems with Israel so that when the time comes for discussing a comprehensive peace in the region Jordan will not find itself lagging behind others who, too. have been discussing problems of bilateral dimensions on their tracks.

By speeding up its negotiations with Israel, without compromising the principles that have guided its talks with Israel so far. Jordan will be taking important steps to protect its national interests. But it will also be contributing towards a comprehensive solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, which cannot be attained unless all parties solve their bilateral differences with Israel.

#### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

AL RA'I Arabic daily Saturday hailed the outcome of His Majesty King Hussein's visit to the United States, saying that the visit has laid the ground for enhancing Jordanian-American ties in all respects. Thanks to the King's efforts, Jordan is now expected to receive economic help not only from the United States but also from the Paris Club in the form of reduction of the volume of its external debts and in the rescheduling of the remaining debts to foreign countries including the United States itself, said the daily. With respect to the other topics discussed by the King and the U.S. administration, the paper said that the visit offered a good chance for presenting Jordan's case with regard to the usurped Jordanian lands and water. At both the political and economic levels, the U.S. administration has displayed a great measure of understanding of the Kingdom's needs, said the daily. By all standards and measures, said the paper, the King's visit can be described as most successful and beneficial for his country and people.

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour Saturday drew attention to the need for the government to adopt very drastic measures against those wasting water or consuming excessive amounts for no good cause. Taher Al Adwan said that it has been confirmed by experts that the Kingdom was bound to face a drought due to the limited availability of water resources and the huge and growing demand for water supplies for agriculture, domestic use and industry. The coming 10 years are crucial for Jordan and most countries of the Middle East as they are bound to face a serious water problem that could lead to hostilities, said the writer. He said that it is no secret to say that the water issue is bound to replace the Middle East question and that it is important to take some action now to deal with the looming danger. The writer said that the concerned authorities should imprison those who wash their cars using hoses or those consuming excessive water amounts for swimming pools and those who drill artesian wells without permission.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

## 27 years of open bridges

The political, social and economic final results of an open-bridge policy applied over 27 years of Israeli occupation of the West Bank are varied. However, no one can deny the obvious fact that this policy facilitated the gradual transfer of Palestinian population, to the detriment of the Palestinian cause, to the extent that you may now find more Palestinian Jerusalemites in Amman-Zarqa area than in East Jerusalem itself. Currently, the number of Palestinians in Jerusalem is estimated at 150,000, almost the same, if not less, that of Israeli settlers. Demographically, the Judaisation of the Arab city is complete.

While the Arab population of Jerusalem was gradually declining due to migration, the population of the Gaza Strip more than doubled. Gaza became a human fortress and, from an Israeli point of view, a hopeless case as far as occupation is concerned.

It was natural under the circumstances that the leaders of Israel, even under the Likud, would flirt with the idea of unilateral withdrawal from Gaza. Israel was very close to leaving Gaza unconditionally when the Oslo breakthrough gave the Israelis substantial gains for doing what they would have liked to do anyway.

So much for the demographic dimension of the open-bridge policy applicable to the West Bank as a side-effect. What about the economic dimension? The bridges were opened by a decision taken by Moshe

Dayan in 1967, which Jordan allowed by inaction and default. The rules of the traffic across the bridges were set by Israel and tolerated by Jordan. Goods were allowed to move eastwards and prevented from moving westwards. People were encouraged to cross the bridges eastwards but every trick was used to deprive them from returning. Israel collected hefty fees for crossing the bridges in both direc-

The cumulative surplus Israel was able to make in its balance of trade with the West Bank over 27 years reached \$7 billion, while Jordan made a deficit in its balance of trade with the occupied territories to the tune of \$2 billion.

Thus, Jordan unintentionally financed 30 per cent of the Israeli trade surpluses with the West Bank through increas-. ing the capacity of the Palestinian market to absorb more Israeli commodities.

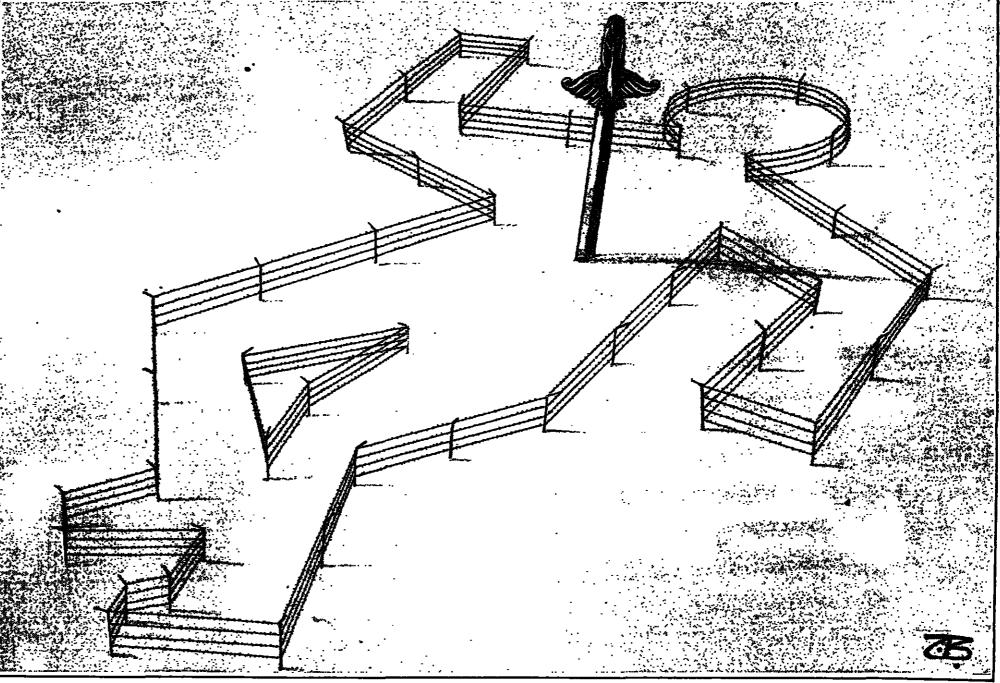
This unquieting fact is not in line with the spirit of Arab economic boycott to Israel. There is practically no difference whether we import \$2 billion worth of Israeli commodities directly, or enable a third party to import a similar amount of Israeli products. The benefits accruing to Israel are the same in both situations. Jordan's good intentions to support the Palestinian people under occupation and alleviate their suffering do not change this reality.

The policy of open bridges, and the acceptance of directed movement of goods over the bridges did not only help the Israeli balance of payments, it also caused hundreds of millions of Jordanian dinars to accumulate in the West Bank, there being the price paid for Palestinian shipments of vegetables, fruits and industrial products. Jordanian money amassed in the West Bank is estimated to range between 150 to 300 million dinars. Deposits in Jordanian banks in favour of West Bank residents could be double or triple that much. No attempt to calculate the amount has ever been under-

As usual, Jordan accepted these sacrifices at the expense of its own national interest, without economic agreements and tough negotiations with PLO. Instead of the appreciation of these economic sacrifices and demographic burdens, which Jordan is entitled to expect, the stock of dinars in the West Bank became a potential weapon which can be used against Jordan. The demographic structure on the other hand, became a weak point which we try to cover up by empty slogans of national unity.

The lesson is that Jordan should protect its own national interest first. Jordan should open a new chapter of sound and healthy relations with the newly-born Palestinian entity. The bridges should not be closed — it is too late and not advisable to do it now - but the movement of people should be strictly regulated and the freedom of our exports to the West Bank should not be restricted, otherwise we should have our own restrictions. Unfortunately, the Ministry of Interior moved in the opposite direction.

It is strange that so far the Jordanian government is too shy to set a passport point and a customs centre at the bridges. In fact, the flow of goods across the bridges eastwards and the flow of funds westwards are not accounted for in our national accounts. The published satistics of the Jordanian balance of trade, balance of payments and other national accounts is grossly misleading, because millions of dinars are not accounted for. Even after the official disengagement from the West Bank, in July 1988, Jordan did not consider the bridges as border points.



From G.H. Jansen In central Italy

## Italy's neofascists keep everyone guessing different. There is no pointical vacuum in Germany where the political parties are strong, respectable and re-

EVEN in this little village, tucked away in the hills above Lake Trasimino (on the shores of which the Phoenician invader Hanibal inflicted on the Roman Empire one of the most decisive defeats in the annals of war) the talk is all of the emergence, or rather reemergence of the neo-fascists on the Italian political scene.

Because, thanks to the new Italian prime minister, Sylvio Berhisconi, the fascists for the first time since World War II, are back in government in Rome, thanks, too, to the votes of the Italian people in a free and fair general election; a preference which was repeated in the elections for the European

parliament two weeks ago. Outsiders, particularly Italy's European neighbours, wonder how the Italian people could vote for the fascists who, under Benito Mussolini, led Italy to defeat and humiliation in World War II, a war that the Italian people did not want to have any part

of? The answer to that question is that the neo-fascists, now bearing the innocuous name, the "Italian Social Movement," (MSI) filled a big gap left by the collapse of both the Italy's traditional ruling parties: the Christian Democrats and the Socialists. both overwhelmed by the sheer weight of their corruption in accepting massive bribes from big business: the right-wing Christian Demo-

And yet the reason for the fascist reemergence can be said to be the basic healthiness of the Italian body politic which has extruded, spewed forth, the corruption of the old parties that had governed the country for 50 years. The purge has even affected somebody like Julio Andreotti, seven-time Italian prime minister and with a reputation of near saintliness.

The same sort of extrusion is

crats and the "leftist" Social-

ists had an unspoken alliance

on pillaging the Italian state.

overtaking the criminal net-work of the mafia.

And the neo-fascist MSI found it easier to fill that gap because it was a part of the centre-right coalition, called the National Alliance, put together by Berlusconi with the two other partners being his own Forza Italia, ideologically colourless but essentially the party of big business, and the Northern League, which would, sometime, in the future, like to see Italy broken into three autonomous areas of the north, south and centre. Thus, the neo-fascists were well

camouflaged. Since this coalition was put together before the election the Italian electorate knew that a vote for the National Alliance was a vote for the neo-fascists; and yet it won votes, suggesting that there must be a strong tendency towards authoritarianism in the Italian political psyche: it is surely no coincidence that Mr. Berlusconi's own party is called "Forza" Italia.

After much bargaining the MSI was given one of the two deputy premierships, but none of the key ministries. Furthermore, because of the alarm expressed both outside and inside Italy at the reemergence of the fascists, no supporter of Mussolini old enough to have taken part in World War II was given a cabinet position.

One of MSI's leading figures has said that the fascists did do many good things for Italy; that Benito and his men have been "forgotten"; that Benito was one of the greatest politicians of the 20th century; that there was nothing wrong with the fas-cist regime until, under pressure from its ally Nazi Germany, it passed anti-Semitic laws which were, however, applied in a very lax, typically Italian, fashion.

Thus, the neo-fascists keep the Italian people, and the rest of Europe, guessing. Because the two older par-

ties were, publicly, riddled with corruption it was virtually impossible for politically decent voters to support them, so that, in a sense, the other parties including the MSI, gained support by de-fault. As the old saying has it, "All that is necessary for bad men to win is that good men should do nothing - or for one time good men to become bad."

The neo-fascists gained by default in another way: Because they were deliberately excluded from power for 50 years they were, perforce, uncorrupted because they could not get their hands on the spoils of office which was the undoing of the other parties in power.

Alarm over the rise of neofascism in Italy was enhanced by the fact that it seemed to be echoed by the rise of neo-Nazism in Germany, but in fact the two cases are quite

Two dangers face liberal democracy in Italy: One is that the fascists, given respectability, will gain in power. But at the moment there seems little danger of this happening because the ex-pectation is that the present disparate coalition is not going to last very long, and that on its collapse a new and almost certainly very different coalition will have to be formed which would exclude the MSI but perhaps include the Communists, now calling themselves the Democratic Party of the Left, and a very different kettle of fish after the collapse of the Soviet

The other danger is the splitting up of Italy, as advocated by the Northern League. This is a possibility but not a probability because Italian unity is now too deeply rooted. There may, however, be some devolution of power away from Rome and towards the regions.

By Anton Ferreira

Reuter

JOHANNESBURG -South Africa's new blackled government is portraying its proposed "truth ission" as a way of healing the wounds of apartheid, but critics say it could rub salt into them.

In announcing the commission early in June, Justice Minister Dullah Omar said reconciliation demanded the disclosure of human rights abuses including murder and torture during nearly five decades of apartheid.

But opponents of the idea, including present

Police Commissioner General Johan Van Der Merwe, argued that all sides were guilty of atroci-ties in South Africa's "dirty war" and the past should not be raked up now.

Mr. Van Der Merwe said senior members of the ruling African National Congress (ANC) could be embarrassed by revelations from the apartheid era.

According to the police, about 150 people, many of them civilians, were killed in the 14 years up to 1990 by ANC guerrillas.

The ANC has also been accused of torturing and killing its own members in prison camps in Angola and other African countries during its years in exile.

On the other side of the war, human rights monitors say security forces detained without trial and tortured tens of thousands of people, including children, and killed hundreds of real or suspected anti-apartheid activ-

White right-wing leaders have been unanimous in opposing the truth commis-

Constand Viljoen, head of the Freedom Front rightwing group in parliament,

said the commission would be a propaganda exercise by the ANC. "If the details (of past abuses) become public, this will further hatred, not reconciliation,"

But Frank Chikane, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches and himself a victim of police torture during the apartheid years, said voluntary disclosure by the guilty was the only way to

heal South Africa. "There's the type of pain you cannot heal without confession or declaration,' he told a recent seminar on reconciliation.

"People feel they can forgive because that person who tortured them now understands that what he did was wrong."

In debating how a truth commission should operate, South African analysts have cited similar inquiries in Latin America where democratic governments re-placed military dicta-

Hermann Giliomee, a political scientist at the University of Cape Town, said the success of the Chilean commission was due to its political balance between

left and right, a balance that he said was unlikely "In South Africa... proponents of a commission appear to have a highly partisan context in which they situate our recent history. For them, it is a case of the non-violent, essentially peaceful democratic movement versus a violent

authoritarian regime," Mr. Giliomee said. "Instead of regular courts with well-established rules for testing evidence we could get a commission with hand-picked politically correct judges setting up a separate system of justice."

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## French emotion, power politics behind Rwanda move

By Nelson Graves Reuter

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PARIS — France's expedition to Rwanda may be aimed at saving civilian lives but it is also tinged with power politics and Paris' long legacy of colo-nial influence in Frenchspeaking Africa.

France first raised the possibility of leading an outside intervention force on June 11 - more than two months after the start of bloodletting which has claimed an estimated. 500,000 lives in Rwanda.

Paris has justified the long delay by saying it only became clear over time that U.N. forces would be unable to step in to stop the carnage for another few weeks at the earliest. "It's no longer time to

stand by with arms crossed and deplore the massacres, but to take steps," said Foreign Minister Alain Juppe who, with President Francois Mitterrand, has led the drive to send French

But the tardiness of the mission has stirred deep suspicion about France's motives.

The rebel Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) has accused Paris of "cynical and Machiavellian intervention" to check their accelerating advance against Hutu-dominated government forces, which between 1990 and 1993 were armed and trained by

"The tragedy that we are suffering stems from all the deals and manoeuvres by France aimed at keeping in power the party of president (Juvenal) Habyarima-RPF head Alexis Kanyarengwe said, refer-ring to the Rwandan leader killed in April.

Amnesty International (AI) has urged France to probe charges one of its military units trained Rwandan death squads.

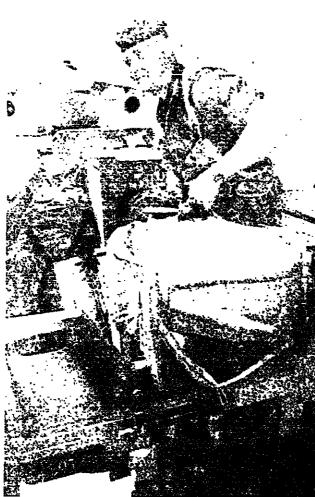
"France has always intervened to lend a strong hand to leaders whom their people do not want at the head of their country," the Association of African Nationals

in France said. suspect France cynnically wants to take advantage of the withdrawal of Rwanda's former colonial ruler, Belgium, to increase its influence in the region.

France's true motivation appears to mix outrage in the face of genocide with a desire to defend its credibility as a major power in Francophone Africa, according to officials and experts.

Historian Jean-Pierre Chretien, an expert on central Africa, said guilt was a paramount factor. "It's a question of clear-

ing our conscience," he said, noting France's longtime support for the Hutu-



A legionnaire of the 2nd Foreign Infantry Regiment loads his luggage on a vehicle prior to boarding an Andropov 125 transport plane for Zaire, June 23, at the Istres air base in southeastern France. The soldier is due to take part in "Operation Turquoise," the French mercy mission to Rwanda (AFP photo)

led government accused of turning a blind eye to the

Public indignation at the killings took time to build up. The massacres were not qualified by the govern-ment as "genocide" until May, which lent new in-

tensity to media coverage. The emotional trigger was news on June 11 that Hutu extremists had kidnapped 170 mainly Tutsi tribe members being sheltered by two European priests who said the captives, most of them children, had all been butch-

ered. The slaughter came two days after Rwandan rebels murdered the Archbishop clergymen. The killing of orphans and clergymen two emotion-charged symbols — touched a special

chord within the French

government, officials said.

In the absence of U.N. intervention, France stood out as the top candidate to lead an expeditionary force. It is a member of the U.N. Security Council, has long experience in Africa and, with troops spread throughout the continent, was able to dispatch thousands of soldiers to the

region in a matter of hours. Mr. Chretien said many French officials, particularly African experts surrounding Mr. Miterrand, remain obsessed with protecting Paris' interests in

Francophone Africa. Rwanda holds a special position because it is on the cusp between French - and English-speaking parts of Africa, with neighbours Uganda and Tanzania as former British colonies, and Burundi and Zaire as part of Belgium's former overseas empire.

"The government made this decision... because of its old and lively ties of solidarity with Africa," Prime Minister Edouard Balladur said.

France's push to protect its clout has an economic component. While there is little at stake in Rwanda, force is based -- is rich in mineral resources.

Some French officials believe the need to maintain strong ties in central Africa has been heightened by South Africa's emergence from apartheid and the prospect that it will one day extend its economic influence to the region, Mr. Chretien said.

To top off French motives, Mr. Mitterrand is widely said to want to avoid leaving office next year with the stain of having stood by silently in the face of genocide in Rwanda.

"The president is thinking of history," an official told the daily Le Figaro.

## Russia, West head for new deal, but can they make it?

By Nicholas Doughty

Reuter BRUSSELS - Russia and the West, emerging from a distinctly rough patch in their post-cold war relations, seem on course for a new arrangement that will bind them in a web of political, economic and military relations.

The question now is whether both sides can fulfil the hopes they have raised and keep the promises they have made.

Russia needs the riches and technical skills of the West to meet the enormous challenges of transforming its shattered economy, as well as political ties to maintain security.

But the West needs Russia just as much. Without a stable Russia, there is little chance of real stability in Europe.

Those mutual needs were underlined on Wednesday when Russia and NATÓ pledged a new era of wideranging military and political cooperation and Moscow signalled it no longer opposed Eastern European

states joining the alliance. The landmark deal between the former enemies drew a line under recent disputes on issues ranging from Bosnia to arms control and ended bitter complaints from Moscow that the alliance was ignoring its concerns and status as a

major power. But it was not the only sign that, on the surface at least, things are getting better between the West and

Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev and U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher announced in Brussels their two countries would hold a summit meeting in September and moved closer to agreement on how to deal with such problems as Bosnia and North Korea.

The 12-nation European Union cleared a deal on



Russian Foreion Minister Andrei Kozvrev (R) shakes hands with U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher (C) while Russian Deputy Foreign Minister

Wednesday to boost political, economic and trade ties with Russia. That agreement will be signed this week by President Boris Yeltsin at an EU summit on

the Greek island of Corfu. Mr. Yeltsin will also attend a summit of the world's richest nations the Group of Seven (G7) in Italy next month, the first time Moscow has been invited to such a gathering for political consultations.

"By widening the reach of the great post-war security and economic institutions, we can help ensure oppression never again en-gulf this continent," Mr. Christopher said on Wednesday in Brussels. But the problems ahead

could prove formidable. Russia's government, under heavy pressure from hardliners sceptical of the West's intentions, is struggling to push through eco-nomic reforms and facing a

wave of organised crime. As a result, the West is unwilling to pump large amounts of fresh cash into the Russian economy or admit it to full membership of organisations such as the G7 or NATO.

Vitaly Churkin (L) watches the scene prior to the signing of NATO's peace programme of military cooperation at beadquarters in Brussels June 22 (AFP

Moreover, Russia's view of how security should evolve in Europe is still fundamentally different from the West's vision. Moscow wants a bigger role for the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), which groups more than 50 na-

"It would be totally unrealistic to expect there will be no difficulties, no problems on the road," Mr.

Kozyrev said. While he said Moscow could now accept that NATO will take in Eastern European states, Mr. Koyz-

rev warned the alliance not to move hastily. NATO officials still remember similar comments made by Mr. Yeltsin last year, after which he abruptly changed his mind.

"The Russian position could change again. No one really knows," said one alliance official.

This will partly depend on how far the West makes good on its promises that it will not isolate Russia. As Eastern European states queue up to join NATO and the European Union. Moscow fears that it could be left out.

## Dehaene's stealth candidacy shot down by Britain

By Jeremy Gaunt Reuter

CORFU, Greece - Jean-Luc Dehaene, blocked by pean Commission (EC) president, is a bluntspeaking wheeler-dealer whose "stealth" candidacy for the European Union (EU)'s top job caused ill-

feeling far beyond London. His name was floated early this year through. nerwspaper leaks and private whispers by France and Germany, the two powerhouses of the European Union, which were uneasy with the prospect of Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers taking the

Mr. Dehaene, 53, remained uncharacteristically silent, refusing even to confirm that he was running in the race until one week before the Corfu summit at whch the decision was to be

That stubborn silence some member states that they were being railroaded by their two big brothers caused resentment which crystallised in a British veto on Saturday.

In the run-up to the summit, Mr. Dehaene was portrayed in the British press as a radical federalist bent on pursuing European integration and concentrating ever-greater power in the hands of the EU executive in Brussels. In fact, his views on

Europe are unexceptional. Like most Belgians and many continental Europeans - he is a fervent believer in political union as a way of prevent-

ing future wars between rope's great powers. For him, 50 years of peace after three great wars in less than a century vindicates that

And Mr. Dehaene's track record at the head of the Belgian government shows that he is no lover of

centralised power. He presided over the country's decentralisation into linguistic regions and is accordingly well tunned to the ideal of devolving pow-

Mr. Dehaene won high marks during Belgium's stint in the second half of last year as EU president. He oversaw the entry into force of the controversial Maastricht Treaty, brokered a deal sharing out the sites of EU institutions and secured endorsement of a white paper on growth and competitivity.

Portly and occasionally coarse, Mr. Dehaene is as different in style from Jacques Delors, the philoserved in Brussels for the past 10 years, as chalk from

But appearances are de

Known in Belgium as the 'minesweeper'' for his ability to clear away explosive issue, Mr. Dehaene has shown political skill and a keen sense of compromise in holding together fragile Belgian coalitions.

His skills as a headknocking deal-maker have seen his government through recession, the first general strike in half a century, a spate of corruption scandals, and widely unpopular spending cuts and

To emerge relatively unscathed from this in a comtry that has the added complications of three official languages, 13 parliamengium's federalist system, four semi-autonomous regional governments, is no

Passionate about football and classical music, Mr. Dehaene is often seen cheering on his favourite soccer club in Bruges. A week ago, he was guest commentator on Belgian television during Belgium's World Cup match agaisnt Могоссо.

mean feat.

Born on August 7, 1940, in Montpellier, France, where his family fled during World II, Mr. Dehaene studied law and economics at Namur University. ARoman Catholic, he is married with four children.

#### Britain's police seek better protection against criminals

By Sean Maguire

Reuter BIRMINGHAM, England Faced with a growing prospect of being stabbed, shot or hit with a blunt instrument, Britain's "bobbies" on the beat are shopping for protection.

Armour plated vests. knife resistant jackets, lon-ger batons and immobilising sprays are some of the items senior police officers are being urged to buy to protect the traditionally unarmed British constable.

But delays in testing protective equipment and restrictions on their use have angered rank and file officers who believe they are facing increasingly violent and well-armed criminals while not properly equipped themselves.

The equipment was on prominent display at a recent international conference for European police chiefs in this central English city with salesman reporting strong local interest.

Our body armour sales are up by 30 per cent," said Anthony Spencer of Aspen International Limited, a company that describes itself as physical protection

consultants. The ordinary beat officer is not getting issued with these vests, they are only going to firearms teams, so individual officers are buying their own vests. They feel it is cheap life insurance — £390 (\$590) buys you the Rolls-Royce of body armour," said Mr.

His competitors agreed with his rosy sales forecast for the wrap-around upper body protectors that come in male and female sizes and in some cases can be hidden beneath a uniform

"I've sold 1,150 sets of knife and ballistic resistant vests to police forces since Christmas," said Michael Sacks of Armourshield Limited. But he agreed that still meant most constables went on patrol with only their truncheous.

"Criminals on the street are using new weapons and it is the ordinary beat officer who is encountering them," said Mr. Sacks.

Although armed response vehicles patrol the streets of Britain's cities. with new rules making it easier for crews in London to use their weapons. casualty figures show it is ordinary unarmed policemen who suffer the majority of attacks.

Two police officers have been killed in London and two seriously injured in the last year in shooting and stabbing incidents that all occurred when no violence

The 100,000 police officers on the streets of England and Wales suffer more than 13,000 assaults a year according to figures from Britain's Home Office (in-

terior ministry). Some senior officers say calls to better protect or even arm the police ignore

show the threat to policemen is no worse than it has

Recent opinion polls have shown neither the public nor the police themselves want to end Britain's rare tradition of not routinely protecting its beat policemen with guns. although there was public support for the police having some easier access to

But without guns Britain's cops say they are struggling to find ways to deter attacks by criminals who have less compunction in using deadly weapons

than the police. A senior police officer has warned of increasing numbers of black market firearms being smuggled into Britain from America by crack cocaine dealers. He also said that weapons were being hired from gangsters on a "rental"

basis and used for killings. There have been regular discoveries of gun hordes belonging to organised criminals in the northwestern city of Liverpool and police say they fear weapons easily available in eastern Europe could soon filter across the

channel into Britain. The Police Federation, the organisation representing Britain's policemen, has criticised the government for not doing enough to protect its members from what it insists is a growing

sent a lone police officer on the beat, armed only with a Victorian truncheon, have gone for good," Richard Coyles, the retiring federation chairman told Home Secretary (interior minister) Michael Howard in a

But Mr. Howard promised only limited help - no protective vests offering sufficient protection and com-fortable enough for a day's duty have yet been de-veloped, he said, and pepper sprays that can be used to immobilise attackers may prove carcinogenic.

In his one concession he said that the British "bobby" may soon be equipped with the American-style extendable side-handled baton, meeting one of the demands of the federation.

Previous attempts to replace the old-fashioned truncheon with a longer baton foundered after television images of the device being used by Los Angeles police to beat an arrested man were aired in Britain.

Whether the introduction of the new baton, which can be used with a variety of judo-style moves to thwart attackers, will be enough to calm police fears is unclear. New Police Federation Chairman Fred Broughton

said: "The service is very reluctant to go down the arming route. Not carrying a gun is central to our relationship with the public, but we are facing a very basic issue of health and safety." We expect you to de-



A British policeman manning a London street (AFP photo

## C)ollar still ill despite central banks' booster British press barons

LOT DON (R) — Central bani s led by the U.S. Federal Res rve came to the aid of the Jollar Friday but the currency got only a brief lift and deaiers said the authorities migit be fighting a lost cause.

Tie dollar gained 1.5 yen and 1.5 prennigs on the concert d intervention. But by the lose of European trade it was down to 1.5855 marks and 100.45 yen, back where it star ed before the hefty doll r-buying some 17 central

Laler said the lame respo; se by the dollar underline the authorities' dilem-

" Vhat are they going to do abo t it? these are natural mar tet forces here. That's the 'ay it goes," said Juergen Lin emann, head of foreign exc. ange at British Bank Star dard Chartered in Lon-

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by Henri Arnold and Mice Arnichen

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The intervention ended days of speculation as to when central banks would act after the dollar earlier this week reached 99.85 yen, its lowest level since World War II, and a 1994 low of 1.5875 marks.

The dollar by the European close on Friday was even below late Thursday levels, when it finished at 101.10 yen and 1.6010. Dealers said the dollar was hardly showing a strong

enough bounce to indicate it was off to a healthy recovery. "We need to see several days' successful intervention to remove that element of doubt from the market," said Martin Kay, corporate foreign exchange adviser at U.S. bank Lehman Brothers in

Mark Austin, currency economist at British bank Midland Global Markets in London, said that as with a previous bout of concerted intervention on May 4, the effect of Friday's action was likely to be fleeting.

"Yes it will take the dollar higher. But give it a couple days to settle down and then you'll find the sellers come back," Mr. Austin said.

Many central banks confirmed they had intervened. U.S. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said the United States and its partners in the Group of Seven (G-7) industrialised nations were cooperating to support the

"Our actions today in cooperation with our G-7 partners and other monetary authorities reflect a shared concern about recent developments in financial markets," Mr. Bentsen said. Central banks that either

confirmed or were sighted Friday featured those of all the G-7 members — the United States, Japan, Germany, Canada, France, Italy, the United Kingdom — plus Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Ireland the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland.

Traders estimated as much as 2-3 billion worth of dollars had been bought, although some doubted it totalled that much. In the oned to have been bought. Financial analysts said central bank were spitting into the wind by buying dollars

"The market hasn't been overly impressed with this," said Jeremy Hawkins, senior economic adviser at Bankamerica. "It's something they have been waiting for some while and the reaction this time is even less than it was at the beginning of May."

The central banks must change policy in order to turn the dollar and that could come at the July 8-10 meeting of the Group of Seven industrial nations or possibly be-fore, analysts added.

"We must have something much more aggressive in terms of verbal intervention coming out of the U.S. administration, backed up with intervention, then policy changes," Mr. Hawkins Analysts said with Japan

not likely to ease policy and Germany not likely to cut interest rates aggressively in

rates if it really wanted to prop up the dollar. "They should have waited

for a spike down and people were short and then blasted them," said Tony Norfield, treasury adviser at ABN-Amro. "There were plenty of comments around that the market was squaring up in case the central banks came

Analysts said the intervention on May 4, which was a Wednesday, was harder hit-ting because the market midweek is more liquid than it is on a Friday.

"You need something in context with the intervention," said David Cocker, economic adviser at Chemical Bank. "You need a rate move or a trade talk breakthrough, or something like that to back it up and give people a fundamental reason to buy.

Despite the diatribe against the central banks from some quarters, others were not so sure it was such a

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According to a survey,

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cline in 20 years.

Japan's industries need to

to lose," said Nick Parsons, head of treasury advisory group at CIBC. "There is no surprise in intervention on a quiet Friday afternoon."

He was of the view that this intervention was designed to be predictable and Friday's action was simply going through the motions. 'If this is seen to fail the market will be tempted into taking some huge short dollar positions, at which point you could see the mother of all interventions."

Both dollar/mark and dollar/yen were back at levels seen before the intervention at 1.5860 marks and 100.45 yen. Traders noted the underlying bearish tone of the market. Last Friday a forecast from a U.S. business research group that the dollar could fall 10 per cent in the

had no impact at all," said market still is."

one trader. "I think that shows just how bearish the

rate moves to streamline financial assets in the fallout from speculative financial investment, and to reduce inventories due to sluggish sales, the daily said. It also noted a decline in fixed assets

Analysts say corporations may be forced to further streamline their assets in the days ahead, the daily said.

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#### next 18 months saw it lose two pfennigs. "This Friday the combined efforts of 17 central banks

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Notably, assets in the iron and steel sector fell 3.2 per cent and those in the auto industry fell 3.1 per cent, while chemicals dropped 2.9 per cent and precision machinery was down 2.4 per

#### the near-term, it was up to the United States to raise "Central banks will ulti-May 4 intervention round, mately win the war but this is about \$3-5 billion was reck-Strong yen bedevils

ir terest rate worries NE V YORK (R) - Blue- it on the open market, the only way you'll do it is by raising rates," he said. Wall Street is concerned that while higher interest

rates may boost the dollar's investment value overseas, credit tightening will further cool the economy and erode corporate profits. The Fed cabinet. has raised rate four times this

Signs of an economic revival in Europe and Japan have pushed up interest rates abroad, drawing international investors away from the dollar. That comes at a bad time for the United States, as it is becoming more dependent on foreign capital to finance a widening trade de-

To make matters even worse, U.S. investors are busy moving money overseas as they seek to diversify their portfolios, further increasing pressure on the dollar.

Analysts said it may take higher U.S. interest rates to turn the fundamentals around. The risk, however, is that higher rates will slow the economy to such a degree that investors will flock to nations with better growth prospects — prompting more dollar sales

Senior U.S. officials have said that the Federal Reserve Board expects economic growth to slow to a more sustainable pace in the second half of this year but that it stands ready to raise interest rates further if needed to achieve that.

By Glasbergen

TOKYO (AFP) - The num-It said investment had been ber of jobs in Japan is dwindling as copmanies, driven by the stronger yen, shift production overseas, particularly to Asia, according to a report

by the labour ministry released Friday. "The impact on domestic employment cannot be ignored," the ministry said in its annual report to the

The ministry estimated that 70,000 jobs were lost because of the shift to overseas production in the fiscal' year ended March 1992. Unemployment rose from 2.1 per cent the to 2.9 per cent in March 1994 before slightly falling to 2.8 per cent in

The ministry said direct investment overseas is expected to continue to grow in Asia, centring on China.

growing particularly in Indonesia and China because of low wage costs. The report added that, due

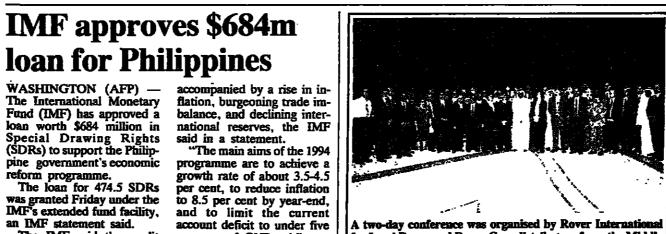
to the prolonged economic slowdown, real income last year dropped 0.8 per cent from a year earlier, the first year-on-year drop in 13

Total work hours shrank last year for the fifth consecutive year to 1,913, falling 59 hours from the previous year,

Also, the report said recession-hit major Japanese companies are forcing subsidiaries to accept employees transferred from the parent firms, causing an adverse impact on labour management.

The ministry said the upward trend in unemployment is "cyclical," but warned that if the economic slowdown Keizai newspaper, a major business daily, covered the nation's 2,006 listed companies, excluding banks, securities and life insurance

The decline reflects corpo-



for Land Rover and Rover Cars distributors from the Middle East, North Africa and Subcontinent. The 48-delegate conference which was held at the Dubai Marriott Hotel, was headed by director of sales for the region, Ken James and consisted of presentations and workshops aimed at outlin product and marketing plans for 1994/95. Photo shows delegates from the Rover International conference enjoying an evening reception at the Dubai Creek Golf and Yacht

#### IMF approves \$684m loan for Philippines WASHINGTON (AFP) — accompanied by a rise in in-

Fund (IMF) has approved a loan worth \$684 million in Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) to support the Philippine government's economic reform programme.

The loan for 474.5 SDRs was granted Friday under the IMF's extended fund facility, an IMF statement said.

The IMF said the credit will be made available over the next three years to offset balance of payment problems stemming from reforms to liberalise the economy.

In 1993, economic growth in the Philippines improved under the liberalisation programme, but it was balance, and declining international reserves, the IMF said in a statement. "The main aims of the 1994

programme are to achieve a growth rate of about 3.5-4.5 per cent, to reduce inflation to 8.5 per cent by year-end, and to limit the current account deficit to under five per cent of GNP, while rebuilding gross international reserves to 3.4 months' worth of imports," the IMF said.

"While fiscal policy will remain essentially unchanged, monetary policy in-itially will be tightened and then maintained on a steady course," it said.



A two-day conference was organised by Rover Internation

#### **Peanuts**







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## locked in struggle

LONDON (R) — Newspaper tycoons Conrad Black and Rupert Murdoch are locked in a British newspaper price war no one can win, wiping tens of millions of pounds off profits, media analysts said

Friday.

Their escalating struggle could threaten the survival of the weakest members of the

British daily press.
"Murdoch's and Black's egos have taken over from their brains," said an analyst from a major broking house. "It's commercial suicide."

Black's Daily Telegrah, fearing inroads in its circulation from News Corp Ltd.'s flourishing upmarket daily The Times, cut the price of its flagship Daily Telegraph to 30 pence (46 cents) on Thursday. It was instantly trumped by The Times, which cut its own price to 20 pence (31 cents).

"Two right-wing ideologues have set about destroying the quality market," the editor of their ailing rival, The Independent, said on the

front page of his paper.
"Mr. Murdoch should have understood there are rarely any winners in price wars, Andreas Whittam Smith said.

"What we are witnessing is a return to the industry's ugly past, dominated by proprictors inebriated with the power that newspaper ownership is thought to bring, he pointed out.

most expensive upmarket mainstream daily, is considering a more permanent price fall after a one-day 30pence cut to 20 pence on Thursday. Opposition Labour Party

The Independent, now the

spokesman on industry, Robin Cook, said he has asked the Office of Fair Trading (OFT), which investigates predatory pricing complaints to look at the issue.

"It is unacceptable that a loss-making newspaper like The Times can cut its cover price by 55 per cent in less than a year, by relying on being subsidised by the profits from other parts of its owner's empire," Mr. Cook

Mr. Whittam Smith said he too would consider a complaint to the OFT, although it rejected a similar one last year when The Times first cut

Media industry analysts saythe next risk for the sector is escalation of the battle into the middle market, where the right-wing tabloid Daily Express has been badly hurt since Mr. Murdoch started the price war last year.

A United newspapers director, Alan Frame, said his company could not rule out price cuts. The Express, and its more successful midmarket rival The Daily Mail, are both now at 32 pence (49 cents). One analyst said a cut to 20 pence would wipe out all the Daily Express's profits and leave it at breakeven.

Daily Mail spokesman were not available to comment on its plans but analysts believe it is unwilling to join the fray.

Warburg analyst Lorna Tilbian said the Daily Mail's parent company, Associated Newspapers, was keen to use its British newspaper revenue stream to build up other media businesses.

That is the reverse of the strategy now being used by Mr. Murdoch and Mr. Black, who seem willing to wave goodbye to big chunks of their profits in the drive to grab circulation.

#### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY JUNE 26, 1994

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation GENERAL TENDENCIES: You can easily rise above some minor difficulties in the A.M. ercising. and make it a productive day as long as you are agreeable with associates instead of trying to force issues. Relax and enjoy

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TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Study your relationship with friends and know where they fit best in your future plans. Catch up on your rest today for a new

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LEO: (July 22 to August 21) A good time to make plans which could give you more abund-ance in the days ahead. Don't be taken in by doubtful persons who you are not sure of.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Plan how to gain more benefits from relationships you now have. Forget that casy chair and be more active

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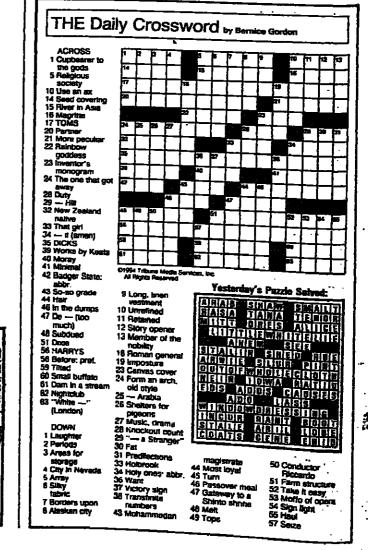
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SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Make plans to improve your status in your line of endeavour. Take your loved to charming places in the evening you both will

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) This is a good day to study whatever is spiritual and educational. Visi friends and relatives and express happiness with being around them.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Study new methods and ideas which car bring you greater income in the future. Make needed repairs to your property which have been

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The Lagos-based Guardian newspaper has said prices of consumer goods have risen by up to 100 per cent since

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Independent analysts said economic controls introduced in the calendar 1994 budget to stem inflation and stimulate growth had not worked and may have aggravated

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The changes marked a retreat from International Monetary Fund-backed reforms begun in 1986 to mend an economy hurt by low out-

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## Arab Gulf countries feel little impact of world stock, dollar crisis

ABU DHABI (AFP) — A again shows the need for Gulf fresh plunge in key world states to delink their curren-stock markets and the U.S. cies from the U.S. dollar and dollar has had little impact on Arab Gulf states although their currencies are pegged to the greenback and most of their assets are based abroad, regional bankers and economists said Saturday.

But the tumble in the dollar to its lowest level since Wordl War II underscores the plight of the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states as they struggle to contain sharp fluctuations in their income due to unstable oil prices, they said.

peg them to a more stable basket of currencies," a United Arab Emirates (UAE) bank manager said. "Any fall in the dollar

means a fall in Gulf currencies and a higher import bill from non-dollar countries. I think the latest fall has so farhad a limited impact but if the decline continues, the price will be high," he pointed

The currencies of five GCC states — Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and

pegged to the Special Drawing Rights, the unit used by the International Monetary

But in effect, they are tied to the U.S. dollar while Kuwait's dinar is linked to a basket of currencies, in which the dollar accounts for more than 40 per cent.

Reluctance by some members to separate their currencies from the dollar has blocked GCC plans to align their currencies in line with their 1983 economic agreement, which calls for a com-

mon Gulf market. The six members had originally planned a single Gulf currency, the dinar, but dropped the project as unrealistic. A recent proposal envisaged

a basket of currencies, in

have the upper hand. "I believe such a proposal a good compromise," a

UAE banker said. "It could satisfy member states which have reservations on delinking their currencies from the dollar or those which argue that they should stick to the dollar because it is the official price

of oil," he added. Experts said a continuousion weak dollar hurts GCC economies because member states rely beavily on imports from Japan and other industrial countries.

Exports by Japan alone to the six members stood at around \$10 billion in 1993 while those by the Européan Union exceeded \$20 billion.

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## Inflation is Nigeria's main problem

LAGOS (R) - Nigeria's military rulers, unable to curb spiralling inflation which is pushing millions of Nigerians closer to the poverty line, have promised to review

their economic policies. Military ruler Sani Abacha, already under pressure from pro-democracy groups to quit, has acknowledged shortcomings in his administration's economic

policies.
"We are aware that due to the mismanagement of the past and some shortcomings in the implementation of our current fiscal and monetary policies, the performance of the economy is not as we planned or desired," he said.

"There is consequently hardship in the market place and the expectations of our people for quick prosperity have not yet been fulfilled," he told civilian political leaders. "We are determined to monitor and review the economic policies in place with the view to taking corrective

Inflation has pushed millions of people on fixed incomes closer to the poverty line in a nation whose per capita income has dropped to about \$250 from \$1000 in the oil boom of the early 1980s.

Prices of most goods continue to rise despite the military government's policies to

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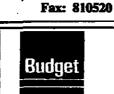
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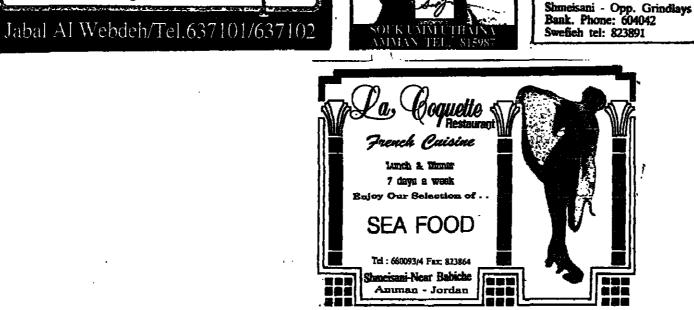






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rage over the Bosnian war, President Bill Clinton's administration and its Senate allies crafted a policy Friday aimed at avoiding U.S. defiance of the arms embargo in the Bal-

The proposal by Sens. Sam Nunn, George Mitchell and John Warner, would urge working with the United Nations to lift the embargo and provide Bosnia with up to \$200 million in U.S. military

Those steps would be taken if Bosnian Serb forces attacked United Nations safe areas in Bosnia or failed to "respond constructively" to a proposed peace settlement.

Sen. Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. Warner, the second-ranking Republi-can on that committee, and Sen. Mitchell, the Democra-tic majority leader, offered the proposal hoping to cut off a move to unilaterally lift the embargo against Bosnia. The administration lobbied

intensely against the U.S. acting alone saying it would disrupt the NATO alliance, scuttle peace negotiations be-tween Bosnia and Serbian forces, and widen the war. Defence Secretary William Perry and Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, wrote Sen. Mitchell endorsing the Nunn-Warner-Mitchell

#### Salinas rejects resignation of minister

MEXICO CITY (AFP) -President Carlos Salinas rejected the resignation Friday of Interior Minister Jorge Carpizo, a spokesman for the president's office said.

Just 10 minutes earlier, Mr. Salinas' office had announced that Mr. Carpizo - the number two official in the government — resigned, pledging not to return to political life.

The two men met at the

Los Pinos oresidential residence for "a long, private conversation," the president's office said in a statement. There was no indication as to whether Mr. Carpizo might stay on, but the talks were to continue over the weekend, Mr. Salinas office said.



Forum '94, the most important conference on Free Trade Hall in British city of Manchester the environment since the 1992 U.N.- (AFP photo)

### B-52 bomber crashes in flames in U.S.

SPOKANE, Wash. (R) — A B-52 bomber crashed and exploded in flames at Fairchild Air Force Base in eastern Washington state, killing all four crew members aboard, officials said.

Base spokeswoman Jennif-er McDonald said the plane crashed at 2:16 p.m. pdt (5:16 p.m. edt) (2116 GMT) as it was approaching for a "touch and go" manoeuvre in which it would have descended as if for a landing and then taken off again. CBS news carried an amateur videotape that captured the crash and explosion of the plane. McDonald said the B-52 was assigned as a trainer to the base 13 kilometres west

major fleet of the bombers. With the end of the cold war, the base's mission has been changed to one of support for a fleet of air fuel

The disaster is the second to strike the base community this week, after Monday's rampage by a former airman with an automatic rifle who killed four people and wounded 22 before he was

charged from the service last month for psychiatric reasons.

#### of Spokane, which until last shot dead by a military month had been home to a policeman. The airman had been dis-

#### Major stands isolated in Europe Another defeat over the

CORFU, Greece (R) — Brit-ish Prime Minister John Major stood alone in Europe once again Saturday, sending strong signals to Euro-sceptic mutineers in his badly di-vided Conservative Party. Echoing the battles fought

by his predecessor Margaret Thatcher on the European stage, Mr. Major refused to back Belgian Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene as the next president of the European Commission. Europe has been a recur-

ring nightmare for Mr. Major, whose deeply unpopular government has been buf-feted by two years of internal divisions, policy U-turns and scandals. His popularity has plunged to an all-time low in opinion polls.

Mr. Major, brought to the brink of defeat last year by Conservative rebels over ratification of the Maastricht Treaty on European Union, could face a challenge to his leadership after a string of summer election defeats. The party lost almost half

of its seats in the European Parliament this month. After 15 years in the political wilderness, the opposition Labour Party is overwhelming favourite to win the next general election, due by 1997. It constantly derides the conservatives over their European divisions. Lord Tebbit, former Con-

servative Party chairman and right-hand man of the in-domitable Lady Thatcher, led the anti-Brussels Eurosceptics in applauding Mr. Major's stand at the EU summit on the Greek island of Corfu. Lord Tebbit said Mr. Ma-

jor should sit tight "and sooner or later a compromise candidate may come forward."

Echoing the concerns of smaller states, Mr. Tebbit accused France and Germany of buildozing the others into accepting Mr. Dehaene. Mr. Dehaene, a maint-

stream federalist who has juggled with the complexities of running a tri-lingual small state in the heart of Europe, is anathema to the vociferous British Euro-scentics who fear he is a fervent EU integrationist.

Mr. Major has already been humiliated once this year when he was forced into an embarrassing climbdown over his resistance to extending majority voting in the European Union.

successor to EU Commission President Jacques Delors or a climbdown acceptance of Mr. Dehaene — would have been another body blow. Struggling to maintain par-ty unity and quell the Eurosceptics, he campaigned in

the European Parliament elections for a multi-speed, multi-layered Europe. He stood firm against more integration, arguing the European Union would break up unless it was allowed to develop more flex-

preached deregulation and free trade. Mr. Major insisted there was no personal animosity involved in his resistance to Mr. Dehaene, who had to be

ibly. Resisting centralism, he

nominated unanimously. He told fellow European leaders: "Were nationality to enter into our calculations the selection of our next president would be an affront to everything that our community stands for."

"Europe is full of talent. I am confident that a period of consultation between the presidency and all member states will produce a candidate that will have the support of us all," he added.

#### German tourist survives fall from 15th floor

COPENHAGEN (R) - A German tourist survived a fall from the 15th floor of an apartment building after he bounced off an electric cable and onto a tree top before hitting the ground, police said Friday. Eduard Pattera, 19, was sitting on balcony railings when he was blown off by the wind. He suffered only bruises in the 50-metre plunge. "It must be the mira-cle of the century," said a police spokesman.

#### Museum to sell Da Vinci manuscript NEW YORK (AFP) — A Leonardo Da Vinci manu-

script that includes the Italian artist's designs for the snorkel and submarine will be put up for sale by a Los Angeles museum, Christie's auction house said. The nearly 500vear-old papers fetched a record \$5.6 million for an autographed manuscript in 1980 when it was sold to the late oilman Armand Hammer. The Armand Hammer Museum of Art and Cultural Centre in Los Angeles is selling it. The manuscript -- 18 sheets of paper folded in two - is expected to fetch more than \$10 million when it is auctioned on Nov. 11 at Christie's, a spokeswoman said. It was compiled between 1506 and 1508 in Florence and Milan and includes 360 drawings and Da Vinci's ideas on flood control and steam power. The notes are written in Italian, in Da Vinci's unusual right-to-left script that can be read normally when held up to a mirror. Manuscripts make up the bulk of the legacy of Da Vinci, best known for his painting Mona Lisa.

#### Dove's death hits military show's peace plans

LONDON (R) — A symbolic celebration of peace planned for Britain's top military spectacle has been hit by the death of a dove that was to star in a key hiblical scene. Organisers of the royal tournament, in which Britain's armed forces show off their skills, chose the end of the cold war as their central theme. But Jupiter, the dove trained to carry a laurel leaf in its beak and land on the hand of an actor playing the biblical Noah, died earlier this week. A show spokeswoman said Friday there was little time to coach a replacement. Major Michael Parker, tournament producer, told the Daily Telegraph: "One minute he was flying, the next be turned his legs upward and died. Perhaps it was stage fright."

#### Moscow fines McDonald's for poor lighting

MOSCOW (AP) - In Moscow, at least, the golden arches aren't enough. City officials fined the world's busiest McDonald's for not having a nighttime sign that identifies it as a restaurant. The city levied at 1.2 million ruble (\$600) fine, saying McDonald's also should provide better lighting along the sidewalk in front of its Pushkin Square restaurant, a newspaper reported Friday. "Walking past the restaurant at night, an uninitiated per-son finds it hard to understand what sort of business it is," said a city inspector quoted by the daily Moskovsky Komsomelets. Moscow requires all businesses to clearly indicate day and night what merchandise or service they offer. Russian-run stores, restaurants and other businesses largely ignore this and other city rules. The McDonald's restaurant, one of three in the Russian capital, was about the only business in downtown Moscow that has been fined under the regulation, the newspaper

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#### The Japanese government first opted for him to pay tribute to the U.S. war dead by visiting Pearl Harbour in WASHINGTON (AP) \_-

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Eighty-seven opposition Re-publican members of Congress asked President Bill Clinton to fire the outspoken U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Joycelyn Elders. In a letter to Mr. Clinton

the House of Representatives members accused Mr. Elders of using her office "to fight parents and churches" instead of sickness and disease.

The letter came two days after Ms. Elders, according to newspaper accounts, referred to the "un-Christian religious right" and added, "We've got to be strong to take on those people who are

name of religion." The letter did not specifically mention those remarks but they were cited often at a news conference by Rep. Cliff Stearns, author of the letter, other lawmakers and spokesmen for conservative

Christian organisations. The letter said Ms. Elders "has not chosen to utilise her position to advance the general health and welfare of all Americans. But rather to advocate views antithetical to the majority of citizens.'

It asked Mr. Clinton to request her resignation. Ms. Elders and her spokesreached for comment.

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At the news conference James Sensenbrenner Jr.,

said Ms. Elders had "forfeited her right to be Surgeon General of the United States," and head the U.S. Ms. Elder, called to

Arkansas State Health Department while Mr. Clinton was governor, was de-nounced in the letter for some of her past statements. She has said the Boy and girl Scouts discriminated against homosexuals, that the legalisation of narcotics should be considered and that girls should take condoms when they go on dates.

"Whether one agrees with these statements or not, and I suspect that the majority of Americans do not, they clearly serve to divide Americans rather than unite us behind our common interest in public health and welfare," the Stearns letter said.

The demand to oust Ms. Elders was the latest development in a public debate over the rise of the radical right in U.S. politics.

#### at religious Clinton lashes out

ST LOUIS (R) - President Bill Clinton Friday angrily attacked the religious Christian right and conservative radio talk shows as cynical outlets for spreading "scurrilous" misinformation about him and his record.

The president took aim specifically at Jerry Falwell, the Christian right leader who has been promoting a \$40 videotape on his syndicated cable television show, "the old time gospel hour," which implies that Clinton is involved in a number of mysterious deaths in his home state of Arkansas.

"I do not believe that people should be criticised for their religious convictions. But neither do I believe that people can put on the mantle of religion and then justify anything they say or do," Mr. Clinton said

Mr. Clinton thus threw his weight behind attacks by Democrats this week on the Christian right for its rising influence in the Republican Party.

California Democratic Representative Vic Fazio this week was quoted as saying the "fire-breathing Christian radical right" were forcing more mainstream Republicans to the right fringe,

and that it controls the GOP in at least 15 states.

Ali 44 Republican senators quickly denounced the Fazio broadside Thursday and urged Mr. Clinton to repudiate it. But Mr. Clinton did

In a radio interview with St Louis station KMOX aboard Air Force One on the flight from Washington to St Louis, Mr. Clinton angrily shouted into the microphone when asked about the videotape Mr. Falwell has been promot-

The videotape, entitled Circle Of Power, relies on interviews from longtime Clinton opponents Larry Nichols and Gary Parks of Arkansas. "There were countless and countless people that mysteriously died that as it turned out had some connection to Bill Clinton. I believe this is going on today," Mr. Nichols says in the

Mr. Falwell has been showing excerpts of the videotape on his show and offers an 800 number to call to purchase it. Said Mr. Clinton: "Look at who he's talking to. Does he make full disclosure to the American people of the back-

grounds of the people that

he's interviewed that have

made these scurrilous and false charges against me? Of course not. Is that in a good Christian spirit? I think it's questionable." Mr. Clinton implied that

Mr. Falwell was making money from the very things he preaches against. "Remember that Lous threw the money-changers out of the temple. He didn't

try to take over the job of the money-changers," Mr. Clinton said. Mr. Clinton, who blames a conservative misinformation

campaign for damaging pubhic support for his health care reform plans, has been on a tirade this week against people who constantly spread negative news, including talk radio shows and the news media in general. The most popular and well

know host of talk radio shows is Rush Limbaugh, who has a devoted following of millions, Mr. Chinton mentioned Mr. Limbaugh specifically in his radio interview and, talking to police officers and community volunteers at St Louis' Fox Park, explained his problem with the phenomenon called "talk radio."

"If you talk about hope, you're derided as being naive. If you're really good at

badmouthing people, you can get a radio talk show. Now, I want to tell you something: It may be fun to listen to, but it's tough to live by ... We did not get to be the oldest and most successful democracy in human history by being cynics and badmouthing," he

Mr. Limbaugh, on his subsequent show, was bemused. He said his show celebrates America and that if Mr. Clinton thinks that is negative or cynical, "then he should look up those words in the dictionary."
Clinton travelled to St

Louis to prod Congress to complete work quickly on sweeping anti-crime legislation, which has been bogged down as House and Senate negotiators try to reach an agreement on a number of disputes. He also helped raise more than \$1 million for the reelection campaign of House Democratic Teader Dick Gephardt of Missorui. But his day trip out of

Washington was dominated by the religious right issue, and White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said it was the start of a debate "with the religious right, or people who claim to speak for the religious right."

Albania using Communist ' classics to make boxes

TIRANA (AFP) - Albania is planning to pulp almost two million copies of Communist classics by Lenin, Stalin and local dictator Enver Hoxha currently gathering dust in libraries and recycle them as cardboard boxes and packaging, a Culture Minis-try official said Friday. Dashnor Kokonozi said the works of the late father of Albanian communism, Hoxha, were printed on good quality paper in Austria and would be recy-

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TEHRAN (AFP) - A Russian special presidential envoy

discussed the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict with Iranian offi-

cials here Saturday, Russian sources said. Vladimir Kazimir-

ov, who heads Russia's efforts to mediate between Azerbai-

jan and Armenia, met Morteza Bank, an Iranian Foreign

Ministry expert on the Caucasus region, and was "satisfied"

with Iran's response to a peace plan proposed by Russia last

month, the sources said. Armenia has accepted the plan to

end the six-year conflict, but Azerbaijan has rejected it.

Iran, which made several unsuccessful attempts to broker an

end to the conflict in the past, said it would work with Russia

to restore peace in Nagorno-Karabakh. Nearly 20,000

people have died in fighting since the Armenian majority in

the enclave declared secession from Azerbaijan in 1988.

Azerbaijani President Gaidar Aliyev is due to visit Iran on

5 gunned down in S. African township

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) — Five youths aged between 10 and 20 were shot dead by gunmen while walking down a street in Tokoza black township east of here, police said

Saturday. Two youths were injured in the attack late Friday,

police spokeswoman Captain Janine Smith said. She said the

motive was unknown but police did not believe it was

political. Tokoza in recent years has borne the brunt of

political violence, which has been blamed on feuding

between supporters of President Nelson Mandela's African

National Congress and their rivals from the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party. Since South Africa's first all-race

election in April which brought Mr. Mandela to power,

however, political violence in the ghetto has declined

WARSAW (AFP) — Poland's ruling left-wing coalition parties won last weekend's local elections in the capital Warsaw, according to partial official results published Saturday. The former communist Alliance of the Democratical Land Parameter and Parameter

tic Left and Peasant's Party won 48 seats in the city council

compared to 31 for the opposition centre-left Union for

Liberty. A coalition of right-wing parties won 30 seats. In

the southern city of Krakow, however, a coalition led by the Union for Liberty won control of the city council with 26

seats against 18 for the Alliance, 13 for a Solidarity trade

union coalition and 10 for the right. Final results of the

elections, which had a low turnout of only 35.8 percent, are

BELFAST (R) — A soldier serving with the British army in

Northern Ireland was charged in court Saturday with

murdering a Catholic in an attack claimed by an outlawed

Protestant guerrilla group. Neil Irwin, 24, a private in the locally-recruited Royal Irish Regiment, was accused in court

of murdering a father of four who died when a booby trap

bomb exploded under his lorry in Portadown, south of

Belfast, in March. The attack was claimed by the Ulster

Volunteer Force (UVF), which has been targeting ordinary

Catholics in an attempt to scupper Anglo-Irish peace talks.

They fear the talks may weaken the province's links with

London and lead to a united Ireland. Irwin, who was also

charged with four separate murder bids, did not speak at the

hearing but a police inspector told the Belfast court he had

≱6-organ transplant announced in U.K.

LONDON (AP) — A 32-year-old man who received six transplanted organs was released from the hospital Friday

but doctors say he still has a long way to go in his recovery. Stephen Hyett received a liver, kidney, stomach, duode-

num, small intestine and pancreas in March at Adden-

announced previously, and the hospital declined to give the

exact date of the surgery. He has a condition called

Gardner's syndrome, which can cause deadly tumours in the

bowel and duodenum. Professor Sir Roy Calne, who headed

the surgical team, said Gardner's syndrome was not a

cancer, but a recurring fibroma. Hyert said, "at first they were only going to give me a new intestine and liver but when a donor finally came along and they opened me up they decided that the other organs had to be replaced as

well. The first I knew about it was when I came round," he

said. "Where I had an awful lot of pain before the operation

I haven't got that now," Mr. Hyett said in an interview with

BBC Radio. "Although I get a bit tired at the moment they

BRUSSELS (AFP) — Thirteen people were injured Saturday when a passenger train was hit by a goods train at

Boechout, near Antwerp, the Belgian National Railways (SNCB) said. Nine of the injured were taken to hospital. The cause of the accident was not immediately known but a

SNCB spokesman said the passenger train could have been

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13 injured in Belgium train crash

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replied "no" when he was formally charged.

brooke's hospital in Cambrid

due to be published at the start of next week.

U.K. soldier charged with murder

dramatically, police and violence monitors say.

Left wins Warsaw local elections

⊌ran, Russia discuss Karabakh

Hata quits as Japan's premier

TOKYO (AFP) — Japan's office as I am," said the Prime Minister Tsutomu 58-year-old Hata whose

date."

cabinet will perform a care-

taker rule until the election of

in Mr. Hata's Renewal Party,

did not mince words. "Mr.

Hata is not just one of the

candidates. He is the candi-

At a press conference ear-

lier Saturday, Mr. Hata

announced the mass resigna-

tion, saying, "our urgent task

is to create a new, stable

government. I will leave it to

are a minority ruling force, it

is incumbent upon us to join

hands with people who share

policies in many aspects,"

The remarks reflected the

coalition's professed wish to

regroup with sympathetic ele-

ments within two major

opposition parties, the LDP

and the Social Democratic

The right-wing faction in the SDP, who call themselves

the Democrats, vowed Satur-

day to seek a reunion with

"Weighing the fact that we

the will of parliament.

Mr. Hata said.

Party (SDP).

Keiwa Okuda, a lieutenant

a new prime minister.

Hata stepped down Saturday

after 59 days in office to

head off an imminent no-

confidence vote, with one eye

on a possible comeback with

new bedfellows to beef up his

Hata's cabinet, embracing

conservatives and centrists,

resigned en bloc just before

the House of Representatives

was to debate a no-

confidence motion proposed

by the main opposition Liber-

al Democratic Party (LDP). With the Group-of-Seven

(G-7) summit in Naples two

weeks ahead, political

analysts believe parliament is

likely to pick a new premier

as soon as next week,

and Mr. Hata has not ruled

"I am one of the members

of parliament myself and the

head of a political party,"

Mr. Hata told reporters at his

official residence, when

asked if he would accept if

no-confidence motion. I

would have remained in

LAGOS (AFP) — Nigeria's powerful NUPENG oil and

gas workers' union threatened industrial action

Saturday to demand the im-

mediate release of impris-

oned Nigerian pro-

democracy leader Moshood

by the daily Guardian news-

paper, the president of the National Union of Petroleum

and Gas Workers, Wariebi

Koko Agamene, demanded

the unconditional release of

Mr. Abiola and other political

It also called on the milit-

ary government to hand over

power to Mr. Abiola "as the

"Failure to meet the above

demands immediately will

definitely force the democra-

tic forces in the country, in-

cluding NUPENG, to take

necessary actions deemed fit

The NUPENG National

Executive Committee met Fri-

day here and NUPENG

Secretary General Frank

KoKori told the Guardian

that a news conference would

be held Monday to detail its

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KIEV (R) - Ukraine finds itself at a foreign policy crossroads in Sunday's presidential election, obliged to choose between incumbent Leonid Kravchuk's pro-Western stand and his main

Kravchuk has made much during the campaign of his reputation for trying to integrate the former Soviet republic into Western Europe during more than two years

rival's calls to move closer to

His most serious challenger, former Prime Minister Leonid Kuchma, proclaims loudly at rallies and on television that Ukraine's future depends on restoring links with Moscow and dumping what he says is post-Soviet isola-

Mr. Kravchuk is lauded by Western leaders for persuading Ukraine's recalcitrant parliament to give up the 1,600 strategic warheads that made the country the world's

third largest nuclear power. to be the forest "All high technology is based in the West. We must aim our efforts in this direction," Mr. Kravchuk said

during the campaign.
"Without help, credits and investment we cannot right our economy. The G7 countries will soon be discussing Ukraine. But first we have to carry out reforms."

As former director of the world's largest missile plant, Mr. Kuchma is most at home in the former Soviet militaryindustrial complex. He raised

Ukraine chooses West or Russia in polls eyebrows during months of disarmament debate by sug-gesting Ukraine should keep

some of its missiles. "Under no circumstances must Ukraine be a counter-balance to Russia. We need the restoration of all economic, spiritual and cultural links with former Soviet republics, first and foremost with Russia," he said in a

of support from the Russian radio address to voters. "Never did I say anything media during the campaign about restoring the Soviet and even from top Moscow Union. But I oppose building officials and industrialists. an independent state on the tion can even be felt in their basis of anti-Russian feeling... No one is waiting for us economic priorities.

in the West." A campaign video clip laced with pop music shows Mr. Kravchuk greeting world leaders and addressing the United Nations. Mr. Kravchuk was also fortunate during the campaign to have become the first former Soviet leader to have signed, amid great pomp, a part-

nership treaty with the European Union. Mr. Kravchuk pressed for early Ukrainian membership of NATO's partnership for peace programme and backed peacekeeping efforts in

Bosnia. Mr. Kuchma opposes the dispatch of peacekeepers and speaks in favour of closer military and political links with Moscow.

with Russia," said one. Since the collapse of the "Professionals are left with Soviet Union, relations bethe choice of going into tween Ukraine and Russia teaching or becoming an have often proved rocky, ambassador to earn some with disputes focusing on the



they were rebuffed by Ger-

The Western allies were

also opposed, reluctant like

many Germans and especial-

ly west Berliners to forget the

Soviet troops role in support-

ing the division of the city

and the maintenance of Com-

munist rule in East Germany.

cold war nor the division of

Berlin at Saturday's parade,

held in the distant southeast-

ern district of Koepenick.

Officials and spectators alike

spoke of how the former

Soviet forces had liberated

Germany from Nazi tyranny.

Eberhard Diepgen, who had

opposed a joint parade, men-

tioned the sacrifices Soviet

troops had made when they

liberated Berlin from the

Nazis, a theme repeatedly

echoed by Russian leaders in

"Your fathers and your

grandfathers came as victors

and liberators to our city.

They ended the tyranny,

opened the concentration

camps and pursued Nazi cri-

minals. This remains the

achievement of all of you,"

General Matvei Burlakov,

commander of the Russian

forces in Gemany, reminded

Berlin of the Soviet army's

enormous wartime losses.

More than 20,000 soldiers

were killed alone in the final

their speeches.

Berlin's governing Mayor

There was little talk of the

man authorities.

### Berlin bids farewell to Russian troops

BERLIN (R) - Russian troops leaving Germany half a century after defeating Hitler's Nazis marched proudly through the streets of Berlin Saturday for the first time since their World War II vic-

tory parade.
Goose-stepping to the triumphant strains of military bands, 1,500 troops wearing olive green dress uniforms and carrying Kalashnikov rifles paraded down a southeastern Berlin avenue before an unexpectedly large and enthusiastic crowd of 40,000.

Spectators warmly applauded the soldiers as they marched briskly past in the broiling midday sun.

Afterwards, many Germans handed anyone wearing a Russian uniform flowers, chocolate, cigarettes, beer and even cash - small yet moving reparations for the bread and soup Soviet troops gave to starving Germans in the early post-war days.

The rousing procession, which included scores of antiaircraft batteries and small tanks, was in sharp contrast to the less formal departure celebrations of the Western allies last week in central Berlin just west of the Brandenburg Gate.

There were no heavy weapons on display at least week's parade for the Western allies — the United States, Britain and France. That parade was watched by

The Russians had wanted to march together with Western allies in a grand reunion of the World War II allies, hoping to parade through the Brandenburg Gate where the Berlin Wall once stood. But

debt and the large ethnic

Russian minority in Crimea.

During 10 months in office, Mr. Kuchma built up a spe-cial relationship with Russian Prime Minister Viktor Cher-

nomyrdin and proposed deals

to link the two countries'

He has received a measure

The difference in orienta-

Mr. Kravchuk receives

backing from bosses in

Ukraine's traditional sectors

of steel production, coal min-

ing and the chemical sector

sold cheaply to Western cus-

Mr. Kuchma gravitates to-

wards the military, space and farming — closely linked to

Russia and other former

With Mr. Kuchma leading

opinion polls until recently,

diplomats have been steeling

themselves for abrupt policy

sorts over the possibility of

Kuchma coming to power.

Many are readying them-

selves for a rapprochement

"There has been a panic of

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days of the battle for Berlin, "We paid a heavy price for liberating Germany and Berlin from the fascists," Gen.

Burlakov said. The last of the 375,000 former Soviet troops stationed in east Germany since 1945 are to leave in September, just before the last of the division of the Black Sea 12,000 Western allied forces Fleet, nuclear arms, Soviet

leave Berlin. There are currently about 1,500 Russian troops in Berlin, down from a peak of 2,000. There are about 6,700

Russian troops left in the former east Germany.

> immoral behaviour," referring to the U.N. trade embargo and flight ban against

> The general has been trying to bolster morale among the troops at time when the international community has been tightening its economic embargo aimed at pressing the military to step aside and allow the reinstatement of ousted President Jean Bertrand Aristide.

Mr. Aristide, Haiti's first democratically elected president, was ousted in a September 1991 military coup led by Gen. Cedras. Mr. Aristide has been living in exile in the United States.

After the United States announced the flight ban, Canada followed suit, but France did not. Air France was to be the only carrier flying out of Haiti starting Saturday.

Ahead of the flight ban, the United States and Canada urged its nationals to leave Haiti but only about 3,000 of the 8,000 U.S. nationals registered at the U.S. embassy had left Haiti Friday.

Diplomatic sources and

meant as a neutral humanita-

of the cold war. But Mr. Weizsaecker, who0 will co-chair a commission on

ity of U.N. members came from the less developed southern bemisphere. "If there are changes in the

day.
The council now has five — the tain, China and France -

two-year terms. A working group is drafting a proposal boost the council to 20 or 25 members. Mr. Weizsaecker also said

"high -handed" and "undemocratic" ways, and the behind-the-scenes role played by Ichiro Ozawa, who is co-leader of Mr. Hata's Renewal . Party.

The coalition renewed such Analysts speculated that calls earlier this week, but the SDP could align itself talks became bogged over the with the LDP and the New SDP demand that Mr. Hata's Party Sakigake, a small member of the previous coalition cabinet resign en masse as well as other policy differwhich opted to stay out of the

ences, legislators said.
Following Mr. Hata's resignation, the LDP proposed current cabinet. LDP President Yohei Kono said Saturday that his talks on a new coalition govparty would make further ernment with the SDP. But efforts to regain power. there was no immediate

"We will call on parties to end the political confusion promptly," he was quoted as telling a party meeting. SDP Chairman Tomiichi Murayama told a news conference that his party wel-

The LDP lost its fourdecade grip on power in general elections in July last year following the passage of a no-confidence motion -against Mr. Miyazawa, supported by mass defections

from the ruling party.

Mr. Hosokawa announced his resignation in April after being grilled in parliament over a financial scandal.

## Rwandan rebels are still doubtful about French military intervention

comed the resignation and

was ready to form a new

cabinet with other groups.

But he did not specify its

must be formed as soon as

possible," the Socialist leader

criticised the Hata govern-

"A stable government

The SDP has repeatedly

possible partners.

The ruling camp has repe-

atedly urged the SDP, which

left the coalition just before

Mr. Hata formed his cabinet

on April 28, to return to the

government.

NAIROBI (Agencies) The Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) is still highly doubtful about French military intervention in Rwanda but is waiting to pass judgement, according to comments by different rebel officials.

A U.N. spokesman, speaking by telephone from the Rwandan capital Kigali Saturday, told AFP one negotiator had said the RPF would renounce its opposition to the French mission if it remains strictly humanita-

Mr. Abiola was jailed Thursday after holding a rally Pierre Mehu quoted RPF's days after proclaiming himleader to the U.N.-brokered self president and vowing to ceasefire talks, Frank form a government on the Mugambage, as saying that even if the RPF did not welanniversary of last June's free elections which were annulcome the French arrival the led by the military governgroup would not fight them if they stuck to their humanita-In a statement published

The RPF has also appealed to the United Nations to strengthen its peacekeeping force in Rwanda "as rapidly as possible" to facilitate the early pullout of the French

troops. But in Brussels, capital of the former colonial power Belgium, the RPF used tougher language and said it remained "mobilised and

ready to take them on." "RPF forces will not seek contact with the French, but if that were to happen they would fight them," said Jacques Bihozagara, a member of the Front's political lead-

ership in Brussels. Mr. Bihozagara, who met this week in Paris with French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe, said he had noted "the French government's statement of intent" on the intervention being rian gesture.
"We shall observe and then pass judgement," he

The U.N. Security Council authorised a two-month French military intervention Wednesday.
A French expeditionary

force, which will have a full strength of 2,500 men, started deploying in south-western Rwanda from Zaire Thursday, setting up safe havens for minority Tutsi people stranded inside territory held by forces of the majority Hutu government.

France went ahead with the mission despite warnings from the Tutsi-dominated RPF, which blames France for arming and propping up Hutu regimes in Kigali whose forces are blamed for most of the estimated 500,000 dead

since April.
Mr. Bihozagara noted Saturday that France had sent troops to Rwanda in 1990 on a short-term mission, but that they had stayed three years as advisors in Rwandan government forces.

The French intervention force of up to 2,500 men was also "too powerful for its mission" and would allow government forces to reorganise, he added. The rebels currently control more than half the country and had been pressing their advantage re-

The mission continued to be criticised elsewhere. An editorial in the Belgian daily Le Soir echoed rebel warnings that the French intervention would give Hutu government forces a chance to rearm and organise a rebels.
"Even if lives are saved (it) is the height of humanitarian manipulation," it said Satur-day, "The dectors and mobile hospitals look tremendously like the aftersales service of the arms mer-

An official from the medical aid group Medecins Du Monde (Doctors of the World) complained that the arrival of French troops made the situation in Rwanda "much more unstable" as the rebels now fear they may "not win a war they thought

they had won." Camilo Tome, vicepresident of the group's Spanish section who had just visited Rwanda, was also quoted by the paper El Pais Saturday as saying the in-tervention "prejudices the work of non-governmental

groups." A total of 200 French soldiers now deployed in south-western Rwanda continued their patrols and reconnaissance missions Saturday to assess humanitarian aid needs, the French Army

Press Service said in Paris. "The aim is to create a climate of confidence to allow non-governmental organisations to operate," it said, adding that a coordination group for the aid groups had been set up at the operation's border base at Goma, in Zaire.

A small group went by helicopter further north to Kibuye, on Lake Kivu, to meet nuns working at the Nyarushishi refugee camp in the Cyangugu region which cares for around 8,000 Tutsis, the army said.

#### counter-offensive against the .N. seat — Weizsaecker South has top claim on U

BONN (R) — Countries of the less developed southern hemisphere have a stronger claim than Germany to a permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council, outgoing German President Richard Von Weizsaecker said in an

Germany has been lob-bying hard for a permanent seat to take account of its economic might and the political weight it has acquired with unification and the end

the future of the United Nations called by Secretary-General Boutros Ghali after he leaves office on June 30, told the daily BZ the major-

composition of the Security Council, the countries of the southern hemisphere must be

taken account of above all," Mr. Weizsaecker said in the interview published Satur-

rmanent members — the United States, Russia, Briwho have veto power and 10 other members elected for he believed the issue of a permanent seat for Germany was linked to the question of whether German troops can take part in U.N. missions abroad under the current constitution.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl has used German participation in U.N. peacekeeping in Somalia and former Yugoslavia to boost Germany's claim for more recognition as an international power.

## Cedras reviews Haiti troops on eve of commercial flight ban

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AFP)

— Armed Forces Chief
General Raoul Cedras visited military garrisons Friday ahead of the ban on commercial flights into Haiti that goes into effect at midnight,

military sources said. Walls of sandbags were erected around the police headquarters and the National Palace while the troops engaged in training exercises that military sources said were in preparation for fore-

ign military intervention. State television meanwhile has been running daily spots aimed at stirring up national-ist sentiment and fears by showing images of civilians who were killed during the 1989 U.S. invasion of Pana-

Gen. Cedras has for the past few days been visiting military garrisons around the country, stopping at the military academy, the National Palace, Dessalines Barracks, the air corp and the navy.

During his stops, the military source said the general sharply criticised the international community for its "emotional, irrational and travel industry officials said many of those remaining were of Haitian origin or members of religious organisations who have lived in Haiti for long periods. A Canadian embassy offi-

cial here said 800 to 850 Canadian nationals had left Haiti as of Friday out of a total of about 2,400 living in Haiti. There were few departures

among the 1,400 French nationals living in Haiti, according to diplomats and airline officials, who said there was no sign of panic among the French. Observers here said the

flight ban would affect the thousands of small merchants who make frequent shuttles to Miami, New York, Chicago or Curacao to buy goods for resale in Haiti. "The wealthy can no lon-

ger travel to the United States and Canada but they can survive financially, while the victims of these measures cannot," said one business leader who asked to remain anonymous.

As part of the sanctions imposed by Washington, the

U.S.-based Citibank and Bank of Boston closed their branches in Haiti. But the military backed government led by Interim President Emile Jonassaint has filed suit seeking to reopen the

U.S. President Bill Clinton ordered a freeze on Haitian assets in the United States, adding to the \$50 limit on financial transfers to Haiti.

Raymond Roy, president of the Haitian Chamber of Commerce and a backer of Mr. Aristide, said the new measures were "shameful" because of their effect on the

The White House meanwhile announced that Argentine President Carlos Menem, who met with Mr. Clinton in Washington Friday, has offered to provide troops if a U.N. peacekeeping force is sent to Haiti.

The two leaders agreed on the urgency of restoring democracy to Haiti and that a strengthened U.N. mission in Haiti could contribute importantly toward that shared goal," said a White House

Meanwhile, caretaker Prime Minister Robert Malval said Friday that Haiti was paralysed by World Cup soc-cer mania and few, if any, changes were likely before the tournament ends on July

"This country is demobilised by the World Cup," Mr. Malval said. "I think when we wake up on July 18, that's the end of the World Cup party, that will be the beginning of the end of the party

Mr. Malval said the recently tightened sanctions were starting to hit the rich.

"There is real panic. The people are beginning to get the message that this time it is serious," he said.

"Anything could happen here, so we are getting our children out while we have the chance," said Patrice, a Haitian-American doctor taking his wife and two young children to New York. "It's not too bad for us, those who really suffer are the ones who can never leave," he said. "We will come back when all this is over."

## Brazil tame the indomitable Lions, clinch 2nd round berth

STANFORD, California (AP) — Brazil played one period of good soccer against Cameroon. It was enough.

After a lackluster first half, Brazil turned on the jets and blew out the "Indomitable Lions" of Cameroon 3-0 at Stanford Stadium Friday. After Romario fired the Brazilians ahead in the 39th minute, Marcio Santos headed the second in the 65th and Bebeto squeezed in the third

The Brazilians became the first team to guarantee a berth in the second round of the cup with its second win in the games. The team beat Russia 2-0 Monday.

Cameroon, which got its only point in a tie with en in its opening game, may have to win its final game against Russia to adv-

· Veteran Cameroon striker Roger Milla made World Cup history as the oldest ever player at age 42 when he came on as a second half substitute. He entered the game seconds after colleague Rigobort Bahanaga Song had been sent off for scything down Bebeto.

"If Brazil continues to play its own brand of soccer it's hard to see that we won't win the competition," striker Romario said. "Brazil is starting to look like a cham-

Well, not entirely. The first period was a sleeper except for Romario's goal.

'It was more difficult than the Russia game," said Brazil's coach Carlos Alberto Parreira. "They are a quick team with good technique and tight marking. And they don't feel the heat like the European teams.

"During the first half we were nervous, it was very even and we had a lot of trouble," he said. "In the second half we improved a lot, playing with Bebeto more open on the right. Brazil improved a lot technically and tactically."

At first, fans who expected to see the touted offensive showcase must have thought they were at the wrong game. Both teams started

cautiously, as if wary of the other's firepower. Cameroon fouled early and often, and defender Stefan Tataw took a yellow card in the 8th minute for hauling down Mauro Silva from behind as the Brazilians started a break.

The Lions' 1.91-metre fullback Raymond Kalla Nkongo was a shadow to Brazilian striker Romario and kept him from unleashing a shot in the

early going. Neither team got near the other's goal until the 9th minute, when Brazilian forward Bebeto sent a right-footer over the crossbar.

The Brazilians claimed a penalty in the 13th minute when Dunga went down in the penalty area after a clumsy challenge by Rigobort Bahanag Song but Mexican referee Arturo Brizio indicated he thought Dunga had dived. The 83,401 fans, mostly behind the Brazilians, jeered and whistled.

Cameroon did not get a shot until a harmless free kick in the 19th minute, But Brazil failed to take advantage "We had problems in the first period. We felt our rhythm was different," said midfielder Mauro Silva. "My concern was not to take a goala. It's Romario's func-

one. The "killer" came alive at

tion to kill the bull, and he

does that better than any-

the 39th minute. Midfielder Dunga threaded a pass up the middle to a streaking Romario. He took it in full stride, waited until keeper Joseph-Antoine Bell charged then and calmly tapped it into the left corner.

Four minutes later, striker Bebeto wasted a breakaway when his right-footer from the top of the box sailed harmlessly over the crossbar. Kalla Nkongo was booked for rough play. But the Brazilians too collected two yellow cards, Bebeto for a foul and Mauro Silva for handling the

Brazil was a different team in the second half. With Bebeto fixed on the right wing, the offence suddenly clicked. In the 51st minute, fullback Aldair, playing for injured starter Ricardo Rocha, worked a brilliant give-and-go with Bebeto for a shot that

Bell tipped wide. Jorginho broke swiftly down the right after the Brazilians intercepted the ball in midfield but, with Romario and Bebeto unmarked in front of goal, his low cross was cut out by a

Bebeto then sent Leonardo breaking through on the left



Brazilian player Dunga and Rai (background) watch as the Cameroon defender Marc Vivien Foe kicks the ball away during their World Cup match at Stanford Friday (AFP photo)

for Cameroon at the expense of a corner.

Marcio Santos moved up to meet the flag kick and headed just too high.

Brazil's pressure was beginning to get to the Cameroon defence and Song was sent off in the 64th for crunching Bebeto as the striker raced down the right flank. That left an avenue in the

Lions' defence, and Brazil

"It demoralised us because now it was 10 against 11 and we couldn't slow them down," said striker David

Embe was replaced in the 65th minute by Milla, the darling of Cameroon's Cinderella team in the 1990 World Cup in Italy, when he scored four goals. But he had been on the field for only a few seconds when Brazil

Mexico beat Ireland 2-1 to keep hopes alive

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Luis Garcia kept Mexico's World Cup hopes alive Friday, scoring two sparkling goals from long range in a 2-1 win over Ireland, which wilted in the sweltering heat of the Citrus Bowl green-

Veteran striker John Aldridge held Ireland in the game up to the end with a header in the 83rd minute, but Irish legs were too drained, and goalkeeper Jorge Campos too hot, to score during a final onslaught.

"The Mexicans didn't beat us, the weather did," com-plained Ireland's coach Jack Charlton.

"We showed extraordinary spirit," said coach Miguel Mejia Baron after his team came from the cellar of Group E to the top with the All four teams in the group

now have three points after two games, setting up an exciting finale when the final first-round games are played simultaneously Tuesday. Ire-land plays Norway and Italy meets Mexico. "We will enjoy the mo-ment but we have to look into

the future and hope the future only brings good things for us." Baron said. Mexico broke open the

game in the 44th minute when Garcia capped the first smooth combination play with a scorching right-foot drive from 20 metres.

From the right, Marcelino Bernal centred to the middle where veteran forward Carlos Hermosillo shook off his defender and set up the ball perfectly for the unrushing Garcia. Goalkeeper Packie Bonner had no chance.

"We ran out of steam when they scored just before halftime," said Charlton. Ireland tired visibly in the

44-degree C temperatures on

the Citrus Bowl pitch, allowing Mexico ever more space to flaunt its technical skills. In the 65th minute, Alberto Garcia Aspe found Garcia wide open in the centre, and from 18 metres out, his low

After an unlucky loss to Norway, "the attack showed more initiative now," said

right-foot shot was lethal

They scored at crucial said Charlton.

The sold-out 61,129capacity Citrus Bowl was a sea of green, with fans from both teams sporting their traditional colours, but Ireland had to play in white.

The second goal completely cut Ireland's legs and some players, and Charlton lost heir cool, bitterly complaining against officials. Bonner made a couple of

great saves to prevent the

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Against the run of play. Ireland came back in the game when substitutes Jason McAteer and Aldridge combined on a typical Irish goal. McAteer centred from the right and from some 10 metres Aldridge scored with a powerful downward head-

Ireland played its traditional early pressure game as long as it could in the steaming conditions, often forcing Mexico back deep in its own half early on. On offence, however, it had little energy left to create chances. When it did, goalkeeper

Campos was unbeatable. Ireland came close in the 38th minute, when Andy Townsend sent a dangerous bouncing header towards the low corner. But the catquick Campos, pulled off a brilliant one-handed save to push the ball wide.

In the 57th minute, Campos had to make a diving save on a John Sheridan breakthrough.

A minute from time, Camoos made the save that clinched the match on a drive from Townsend.

In the first half, Mexico displayed good individual skills but failed to combine play like a team for most of

## Swedes virtually assured of advancing after beating Russia

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) -Friday was midsummer's eve in Sweden, the biggest holiday of the year and a day for celebrations

Especially when the national team beats Russia 3-1 for its first World Cup victory in 20 years.

But the Swedish team will put the herring, schnapps and other traditional Swedish midsummer's eve offerings on bold. 'V/e alwavs celebrate

when we have a victory," coach Tommy Svensson said. "But we'll take it easy and be careful because we have another game Tuesday. "The boys are serious.

We're aiready thinking about the next game. We want to win this group.' Striker Martin Dahlin,

whose two headers virtually clinched a second-round place for the Swedes, agreed. This is the World Cup,' he said. "You don't celebrate in the World Cup until after

While the result virtually assured Sweden of advancing, it all but eliminated the Russians and will force the.

the final."

resignation of their coach, Pavel Sadyrin.

"Sadyrin will hand his resignation when we return to Russia," a senior team official who demanded anonymity told the Associated Press after Friday's loss. "If he doesn't resign, the Russian federation is likely to replace

Sadyrin's leadership of the Russians has been in trouble since late last year when 15 veteran players led a boycott of the squad, demanding more pay and the resignation of Sadyrin because of alleged incompetence.

Four key players foreign-based Andrei Kanchelskis, Sergei Kiriakov, Igor Kolyvanov and Igor Shalimov — refused to back down and remained off the

For the Swedes though, it was all smiles.

Dahlin, who also scored Sweden's late equaliser in a 2-2 tie with Cameroon Sunday, headed the Swedes in front with a low glancing header in the 60th minute and powered in another eight minutes from the end.

Dahlin, who in 1991 became the first black Swede to appear on the national team. credited teammates Jonas Thern and Kennet Anders-

son for setting up the goals. "They were two great crosses. It was not difficult for me," said Dahlin, who earlier this year had a hat trick after three headers in a Bundesliga game for Borussia Monchengladbach.

Dahlin collected his second yellow card of the tournament and will miss the third first-round game against Brazil Tuesday.

Svensson said Dahlin had a great performance. "He's had a lot of good performances," Svensson said. "Perhaps this was one of the best, if not the best." It was Sweden's first World Cup tournament victory since

they beat Yugoslavia 2-1 in

Salenkoi fired the Russians ahead from the penalty spot in the fourth minute and Tomas Brolin levelled, also from the spot, in the 39th. It was the third goal in the last four games for Brolin, who played a more defensive role in midfield this time.

Russia, a 2-0 loser to Brazil, has no points from two games and Sweden has four from two. Brazil, which beat Cameroon 3-0 earlier Friday, has six points from two victories and Cameroon has one from two.

The game was less than a minute old when Russian defender Sergei Gorlukovich was shown the yellow card for deliberately handling the ball during a challenge in the air. Five minutes after half time he was sent off after the latest of a series of fouls.

Salenko's goal at the indoor Pontiac Silverdome before 71,528 fans, including several thousand Swedes, gave the Russians an unexpected early boost, however. Roger Ljung challenged

Alexander Borodiuk near the 6-metre line and the Russian striker went down. French referee Joel Quiniou said it was a penalty and Salenko stroked in the spot kick almost casually.

"It was a tough penalty," said goalkeeper Thomas goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli Ravelli, who was making his to beat.

112th appearance for Sweden and now is just three away from Bjorn Nordqvist's Swedish record of 115, "But we showed good morale and as the game developed we got

the upper hand."
The Swedes applied pressure for an equaliser and, after Brolin had fired just wide from 20 metres in the 21st minute, Dahlin shook the Russian crossbar with a fierce

The Russians welcomed back star defender Viktor Onopko but left out Benfica striker Sergei Yuran.

Goalkeeper Dmitry Kharine was shown the yellow card for time wasting and was beaten in the 39th minute from the penalty spot. Gorlukovitch was penal-

ised for polling Dahlin's shirt as the Swedish striker aimed to try and turn the ball in and Brolin drove the ball firmly in for his 19th goal in Swedish colours.

Three minutes into the second half, Dmitri Radchenko shot across the face of the Swedish goal with only



Friday at the Monument of Independence in Mexico City after the Mexican

in their World Cup match in Orlando, Florida (AFP photo)

Hundreds of rowdy World Cup fans battled riot police, hurling rocks and bottles Friday as an impromptu party by tens of thousands celebrating Mexico's victory over Ireland

At last 36 people were injured as police clubbed and punched youthful fans who marred an otherwise joyous street fiesta in a heavy down-

turned violent.

pour after Mexico's 2-1 firstround victory in Orlando,

Florida. "Oh, my leg, my leg," cried Lupita Lopez, a 40year-old woman hit by a bottle as thousands of people surged around the 12-story Monument of Independence,

a stone column capped by a sculpture of a gilded angel. Within minutes of the victory, which revived Mexico's hopes of advancing to the second round of the tournament, tens of thousands surged from offices, restaurants and homes, converging on the monument that is a traditional rallying point for

There were similar victory celebrations around Mexico. In the state capital of Guadalajara, thousands of celebrating fans crowded around the city's Minerva Fountain, snarling traffic on the 13 streets that feed into it.

The ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party took advantage of the occasion to hire a band that played music for the crowd.

At least 12 people were injured in the crush of celebrants in Guadalajara, three of them seriously, police said. But there were no signs of clashes between celebrants and some 400 unarmed police dispatched to provide crowd control.

In Mexico City, mariachi music erupted as more than 200 riot police behind plastic shields ringed the grassy traffic circle, home to the monu-ment, and eyed the fastgrowing throng. Thousands massed around

the monument on the Pasco de la Reforma, the city's main east-west throughfare, but most fled down the treelined avenue and into side streets when the violence erupted.

Gleeful shouts of "Viva Mexico" turned to screams as scuffling broke out among a surging crowd and the riot police and some rowdy vouths began to break through the lines of batonwielding officers and run up the grassy knoll.

The without warning, police charged up the knoll

"Jerks jerks" people shouted in the surging crowd as firecrackers exploded and thousands of peaceful fans

Violent fans in the largely peaceful crowd then counter attacked police with a fierce barrage of shattering bottles, bricks, rocks and shoes smashing against the riot shields.

One fan hit by a bottle stumbled away, his face bleeding. Plainciothes officers punched and kicked in return during the nearly twohour battle, and one officer roughly grabbed a youth by his hair and led him away. The police were outnum-

bered, however. Hundress of celebrants broke through police lines and climbed up the base of the monument, waving 15foot (5-metre) Mexican flags and shouting curses as the riot officers withdrew and vanished from the scene.

Sixteen people were treated for cuts, bruises and blows, including four chil-dren, said a Red Cross doctor who spoke on condition of not being named.

Authorities said at least 20 riot police were also injured and that an unspecified number of arrests were made. A riot-control team of 1,200 officers with patrol

cars, horses and dogs was called out for the post-match celebrations, bolstering the 18,000 regular patrolmen in Mexico City.

For hours after police withdrew, traffic on most central avenues was snarled.

Fifteen people danced on the roof of one hijacked city bus and dozens of others inside waved Mexican flags as it drove slowly past the cheering, horn-honking crowds along Reforma.

"All Mexico is celebrating, no one is working today." said Pablo Cabrera, 30, an advertising director in suit and tie who joined with waitresses, mariachi performers, stockbrokers and students in the frenzied celebrations.

Similar celebrations erupted in 1970 and 1986 when Mexico hosted the World Cup tournament.



## Overheard at Turino...

Turino restaurant in Sweifieh has announced a special-occasion promotion offer for the World-Cup '94 football games. Any guest or host having lunch or dinner at Turino will be given a free lottery ticket to participate in a raffle to win a round trip, two-way ticket Amman-Rome aboard Royal Jordanian.



Tickets will be given to diners at Turino until the closing ceremony of the

A guest at Turino, selected at random, will draw the winning ticket, and the results of the lottery will be announced a few days later. In a recent ad, Turino claimed itself headquarters of

World Cup '94 on 17 July.

change," in a reference to its new style of promotion and campaign.

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## Bulgaria, Greece try to rebound from thrashings

CHICAGO (R) — Bulgaria and Greece, probably the least impressive teams at the World Cup finals, will try to put opening match thrashings behind them Sunday in an all-or-nothing clash in Group

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Defeat for either squad will effectively mean their early exit from the 24-team tournament. Both coaches were dismayed by their teams' lack of fight in their debut matches and plan to shake up their sides to inject more pace and

"Our ambitions are very serious and we want to beat Greece because that is our only chance of going into the second round," Bulgarian coach Dimitar Penev said. "But they are also playing to win and this will make our task very difficult.

Greek coach Alketas Panagoulias will make up to four changes, switching from the defence-oriented plan in Greece's World Cup finals debt against Argentina.

Greece were unlucky enough to be the first to play the new-look, go-for-goals thrashed 4-0. Bulgaria were run ragged by Nigeria, losing

Penev was not impressed by his side's lack of fire in the second half and has warned he plans to at least make one change in midfield and one in defence to raise the team's

Even allowing for the upsets that have prepared USA 94, it is hard to see Greece beating Nigeria and Bulgaria overcoming Argentina in their final first-round games. A draw would leave both

sides with little hope of pro-

ceeding further and Panagoulias plans to go on the attack. "We're going to change our tactics. We played too conservatively against Argentina — we can't play like that again." said Panagoulias.

complaceny. Team officials said the 22 players in the squad appeared to believe they had achieved their World Cup goal when they became the first Greek side to qualify for the finals.

Ilias Atmatsides is ex-

who has also had to shake his

players out of a dangerous

## **Shocked Colombia goes** on salvage mission

SAN FRANCISCO, California (AFP) — Shell-shocked Colombia coach Francisco Maturana has pleaded with his players to go out and win back their honour against Switzerland Sunday.

Successive defeats to Romania and the United States mean Colombia will be going home early when everyone had expected them to be involved in the tournament until the last week.

"We have disappointed a lot of people and we can only try to retrieve our pride and play as we were taught to.' said captain Carlos Valderra-

Maturana, who takes over as coach at Atletico Madrid next season after his second spell in charge of Colombia, could offer no plausible explanation for the sudden loss

"It's true we had a lot of outside interference but that's nothing new. We just never got going. We were too elaborate in our first game and made mistakes and panicked in the second," he

said. Colombia had not lost two successive games since being beaten by Brazil and Argentina in the 1991 Copa America South American cham-

Maturana was forced to drop Gabriel Jaime Gomez after death threats from Bogota to bomb his and the midfielder's homes.

Switzerland, who made sure of qualifying by drawing 1-1 with the United States and beating Romania 4-1, will be keen stay on the West Coast as group winners.

They played their first two matches indoors in Detroit and will want to avoid a trip to Washington as group runners-up.

Switzerland's first World Cup success since beating Italy 4-1 in Basle in 1954 hoisted them to the top of the group, and English coach Roy Hodgson was expected to name the same side that triumphed over Romania.

Probable teams Colombia: Oscar Cordoba: Andres Escobar, Luis Herrera, Luis Carlos Perea, Wilson Perez, Herman Gaviria, Carlos Valderrama, Leonel Alvarez, Freddy Rincon, Antony de Avila, Faustina

Asprilla. Switzerland: Marco Pascolo: Marc Hottiger, Yvan Quentin, Dominique Herr, Alain Geiger, Georges Bregy, Alain Sutter, Christophe Ohrel, Adrian Knup, Ciriaco Sforza, Stephane Chauisat.

#### **GOREN BRIDGE**

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
497 108765 KQ5 4KJ8
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 Pass ?
What do you bid now?

A.—This depends on your methods. If you play limit raises, this hand just qualifies. If you do not, settle for a raise to two hearts, albeing it a maximum. Anything else it it's a maximum. Anything else would distort the bidding.

Q.2—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
497 108765 KQ5 4KJ8
The bidding has proceeded:
South East North West
Pass Pass I Pass

A.—Partnership agreements have little impact on decisions by a passed hand. Since a jump to three hearts here is no longer forcing, making it, in effect, a limit raise, we would now choose that bid regard-less of methods.

Q.3-Both vulnerable, as South vinu hold: +A962 J4 A52 +Q1083 The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 Pass 1 2 Pass
1 NT Pass ?

1 NT Pass What action do you take? A.—Even though partner has shown a balanced minimum, game is still a possibility should partner be at the top of his range. You can convey that with an invitational taise to two no trump.

Q.4—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

•AK753 ∀K6 ∀K9742 •4

What action do you take?

A.—Possession of the spade suit confers so many advantages in the auction that the modern tendency is to overcall rather than double whenever you hold a five-card spade suit. This holding also has some lead-directing benefits, so would opt for one spade.

Q.5-East-West vulnerable, a South you hold: ◆K9742 ○K6 ○AK753 ◆4

eK9742 TK6 ○AK758 ◆4
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ★ Pass 1 ▽ ?
What action do you take?
A.—Here our spade suit is so anemic that we would downgrade the holding to four-card status—we wouldn't want partner competing further in the suit with only a doubleton. As a result, our choice would.

Q.6-Both vulnerable, as South you hold: ◆A109762 ↑65 ♦KQ ◆A42 The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 3 + Pass
4 + Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—If partner had a maxim trump opening with good spads support, he would have made an advance cue-bid instead of simply raising. That would suggest slam is out of reach, so any move by you might jeopardize a secure game con-tract. Pass.

## take aim at the U.S.

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) - The United States, euphoric after their 2-1 upset of Colombia, will run into a Romanian side fighting for their lives when they meet in their final Group A match here Sunday.

The afterglow of America's first World Cup win in 44 years, over opponents tipped as contenders for the title, was as warm as the sunshine at their southern California headquarters. While they basked in both,

the Romanians headed back on their second trip across three time zones, looking for redemption after their disastrous 4-1 loss to Switzerland in Detroit.

"We have a hard task ahead of us with our game against the USA," said Romanian coach Anghel Iordanescu. "We need at least one point against the USA. We have few days to recover and we have to again change time zones.

Iordanescu said the loss to Switzerland was largely due to individual mistakes.

As of Friday, he was offerng no clues as to any tactical adjustments or team changes, though Romania will be without forward Ion Vladoiu, who was sent off against Switzerland.

"I would say individual errors determined the re-sult," he said. "There were many of them, but we will examine them closely and will not make them in the next game."

The United States are almost certain to qualify after their victory over Colombia and a draw with the Swiss. If they could win Group A

Sirakov is unlikely to play and Penev may decide to a thought unimagineable p∖ush Ivailo Vordanov up less than a week earlier front and include either Bonthey would play their secondcho Genchev or Georgi round match in the Rose Georgiev in midfield to give Bowl and not have to move the attack more bite.

"It's important to end up number one in our group, said Ernie Stewart, who scored the winner against Colombia. "Then we can stay in Los Angeles."

But coach Bora Milutinovic said the only real concern was getting through. "The important thing is to

be in," he said. "I wouldn't worry about what position to be in." The United States know that if Romania succeed in

rectifying their mistakes, and

have a good game from star midfielder Gheorghe Hagi they will be hard to beat. "Romania is pretty much known as a team who one day is hot and one day is not altogether, and that's what they have shown so far in the World Cup," said U.S. assistant coach Sigi Schmid. "So you're not sure which Roma-

a little bit when they played "But for sure, Romania is a team that can be very dangerous, and we have to be prepared."

nia is going to show up, the

one that beat Colombia or

the one that sort of fell apart

Schmid said he did not think the U.S. team would suffer from let-down in the wake of their Colombia win. "We're still relatively new to international successes and I don't think we're overconfi-

dent," he said.

The match will be the U.S. team's 100th international since they were knocked out of the 1990 World Cup in three first-round defeats.

Marcelo Balboa, whose near-goal with a spectacular overhead kick was a highlight of the clash with Colombia. will reach a personal miles tone if he is named to the starting team, equalling Bruce Murray's record for caps with 93.

But if it's a good offer it's up

## Romanian desperadoes Belgium advance to World Cup 2nd round; Saudis stun Morocco

ORLANDO (Agencies) — Belgium beat arch-rivals the Netherlands 1-0 in an exciting duel Saturday and ensured their passage into the second round of the World Cup.

Defender Philippe Albert, who missed Belgium's opening 1-0 win over Morocco in the sweltering Orlando Citrus Bowl last Sunday, pounced in the 66th minute to give his side a six-point tally from two games in Group F.

Marc Degryes, scorer of the winner against Morocco, took a corner on the left which was headed on for Albert to hook home from inside the penalty area. In New York, Mohammad

Al Deayea, the goalkeeper whose blunder cost Saudi Arabia their opening match against the Netherlands,

turned hero as the Gulf kingdom claimed a 2-1 win over Morocco here Saturday.

The Moroccans, vastly more experienced than their rivals in the first all-Arab World Cup clash, spent most of the match camped in the Saudi half.

But apart from Mohammad Chaouch's 27th minute tap-in they could not find a way past the inspired Al Deayea and they were left to bitterly regret a series of uandered first half chances and the terrible error by their own keeper that led to the

Khalil Azmi completely misjudged Fuad Amin Anwar's hopeful 30-metre drive in first half injury time and allowed it to fly past him at waist height in the centre

It was the second time the Saudis, playing in their first World Cup finals, had taken the lead completely against the run of play.

The talented Moroccans; who had come so close to beating Belgium in their opening match, were stunned when Sami Al Jaber won then converted a 7th minute

The Saudi striker chested down a long through ball on his side's first attack of the match, burst into the box and set to shoot before being sent crashing to the ground by Noureddine Naybet's clumsy

Al Jaber got up and skotted the ball past Azmi to give

## Sampras, Becker, Navratilova into 4th round at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Immune to the rash of Wimbledon upsets, topseeded Pete Sampras and nine-time champion Martina Navratilova cruised through third-round matches Satur-

Sampras trounced fellow American Chuck Adams, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, in a match suspended by rain late Friday. The defending champion has yet to lose a set in his three matches, winning the last two in less than 90 minutes.

"Hopefully I can maintain this level — "I've played extremely solid," he said. But he described his fourthround foe, hard-serving Czech Daniel Vacek, as "extremely dangerous."

Navratilova, seeking her 10th title at the age of 37. triumphed 6-3, 6-2 over American Lindy Harvey-Wild, who had won the only previous match between them. Like Samoras, Navratilova has not lost a set yet, and has a clear shot at the title following the first-round ouster of top-seeded defend-

ing champion Steffi Graf.
The new favourite, no. 2 seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, routed Nancy Feber of Belgium, 6-2, 6-1, but needed tratment during the match for a sore shoulder.

Fifth-seeded Jana Novotna, who broke into tears after blowing a 4-1 third-set lead over Graf in last year's final, fought back from a secondset lapse to beat Dominique Monami of Belgium, 6-0, 4-6,

Novotna appeared to be

floundering when Monamir took a 4-0 lead in the second set, but the Czech saved six set points and extended the set to 65 minutes before losing it, then overpowered her-21-year-old foe while losing only seven points in the third

Three-time champion Boris Becker and No. 9 seed Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine each won to set up a fourthround showdown. Becker, the No. 7 seed, beat Javier Frana of Argentina, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4,1-6, 6-3, and Medvedev defeated Richard Fromberg of Australia, 7-6, (7-4) 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

In the big match for home country fans, Jeremy Bates became the first British man to win on centre court since

## European clubs clamour for U.S. World Cup players

MISSION VIEJO, California (R) — European soccer clubs have made at least four offers, one worth more than \$1 million, to sign U.S. players after their surprise World Cup showing, the American team manager said Friday.

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Today's matches

Group D: Bulgaria vs.

Greece in Chicago at 19:30

Group A: U.S. vs. Romania in

Los Angeles at 23:00 Am-

Group A: Switzerland vs.

Colombia in San Francisco

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Minou in goal and the

changes throughout the rest

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This will probably mean

Tasos Mitropoulos, the old

man of the squad at 36, will

play from the start after com-

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Hristo Stoichkov and Emil

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marked but Greece is unlike-

ly to repeat the man-to-man

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Penev's options for beefing

up the attack have been cut

by an ankle injury suffered by

Nasko Sirakov.

Bulgaria's key players

game as a substitute.

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at 23:00 time.

"We have four bona-fide 15 IOT 1 s trom civi in Europe," Bill Nuttall told reporters at the U.S. training camp. America look set to reach the second round after beating Colombia 2-1 and drawing with Switzerland 1-1 in Group A.

These are players who are under contract to the (U.S. soccer) federation," he said, declining to identify the players or clubs.

Nine of the U.S. squad's 22 World Cup players are contracted to clubs overseas and

are paid a flat \$1,000 per

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For example, John Harkes and Roy Wegerle play in England while Tab Ramos plays in Spain, Eric Wynalda in Germany, Ernie Stewart in the Netherlands and Cle Kooiman in Mexico. The other 13 players have

contracts with the federation d earn b \$6,500 a month.
"All the offers are worth half a million dollars plus,

and the highest is for \$1.1 million," said Nuttall. The U.S. federation stood to get 90 per cent of any transfer

we can to make our players stay around for the (prop-

osed) MLS (major league soccer) or maybe work out

some kind of loan option.

"I am getting three inquiries a day about players, but until they are concrete offers I don't tell the players. "Of course we will do all

if we do well, I've got to take care of my future. Maybe there would be a year before challenge to play in Spain or Germany.

to the player," said Nuttall One player who could be on the shopping list of several European clubs is surprise American midfielder Mike Sorber, who has played in both the Americans' matches so far. "I have not had any real

thoughts about it, as I am focused on the World Cup but there has been some interest," he told Reuters. "I'm inclined to stay here

and help the new league, but



U.S. player Ernie Stewart (centre) and teammates Tom Dooley (left) and John Harkes after scoring the second it starts and it would be a goal for the U.S. in their match

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#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Poll predicts Rabin to win next elections

TEL AVIV (AFP) — An opinion poll published Saturday predicted that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin would be reelected in the next elections, but with only 29 per cent of the vote. The poll, carried out by Haifa University, showed 14 per cent of the votes going to opposition Likud Party leader Benjanmin Netanyahu, eight per cent to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and four per cent to former Defence Minister and leading Likud member Ariel Sharon. But more than 50 per cent of those asked said they backed Mr. Rabin's premiership. He is now half-way through his four-year term. The poll, which has a two per cent margin of error, was carried out this week among 650 Jewish Israelis aged 18 or over. Mr. Rabin told Israel Radio: "These results don't impress me, and will not stop me achieving my goals, even if my government does not enjoy the support of the majority of the population for the next

#### Germans sentenced for arms sales to Iraq

MUENSTER, Germany (AFP) — A court here handed prison sentences to three German businessmen Friday for having illegally sold Iraq \$28 million worth of equipment used to extend the range of Scud missiles in the Gulf war. Dietrich Hinze, 55, and Peter Huetten, 62, owners of the H.H. Metalform company, received jail terms of 34 to 35 months respectively, but were conditionally released because they had been remanded in custody for 23 months. The three men were also found guilty of having sold Libya a machine in 1990 used to make a missile combustion chamber. German law requires special permission to sell-military hardware overseas. Unlike some other Western countries, such as France, Germany has forbidden arms sales to Iraq for more than 30 years. But during the 1991 Gulf war, U.S. undercover agents found that a number of German firms had illegally helped Baghdad obtain arms. Several businessmen were sentenced while others are still

#### **UAE blames Asians for drug trafficking**

ABU DHABI (AFP) - Asians carry cut most of the drug-trafficking into United Arab Emirates (UAE) ports but fewer narcotics were seized in 1993, the Interior Ministry security chief said Saturday. Colonel Mohammad Omran told the official agency Warn that 405 kilogrammes of drugs were seized in 1993 compared with 715 kilogrammes in 1992. Some 976 people took part in smuggling operations in 1993. "Asians still account for the bulk of those seized in drug smuggling and trade activities," he said, in comment marking the world day for combating drugs on Sunday. Col. Omran said the 1993 figure included 53 kilogrammes of heroin, 43 kilogrammes of opium and the rest was hashish, cocaine, narcotic pills and khat, a drug-like herb used widely in Yemen but banned in Gulf states. Drugs busted in the UAE hit a record four tonnes in 1991, when a three-tonnes shipment of hashish was seized off Sharjah. Several Pakistanis were arrested in connection with the incident. Experts said the UAE accounted for nearly half the drugs seized in the six-nation Gulf Coopera-tion Council (GCC) because of its law laws, poorly guarded long coastline and proximity to drug producing countries. An anti-drug crackdown in Iran has also forced smugglers to switch to routes through the UAE and other GCC states to reach their targeted markets in Europe.

#### Drugs seized in southeastern Iran

TEHRAN (AFP) - Security forces raided a gang of drug-traffickers in southeastern Iran seizing two tonnes of drugs destined for Turkey, the official IRNA news agency destined for Turkey, the of reported Saturday. As many as 15 traffickers were killed or wounded during the raid in the region of Saravan in Sistan-Baluchestan province bordering Pakistan, IRNA said without giving further details. The narcotics were destined for Turkey, Iran's western neighbour, it said. A "large amount" of arms and ammunition was also seized, including rocket-propelled grenades, IRNA said. Iran is a transit route for European and North American markets via Turkey. The authorities have stepped up the fight against drug trafficking in recent years, seizing some 95 tonnes of drugs and arresting thousands of smugglers last

## **British veto** deadlocks EU

Belgian Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene on Saturday as head of the European Com-mission, isolating itself within the European Union (EU) and plunging the bloc into crisis.

The move sank a wellorchestrated celebration designed to display the bloc's new relations with Russia and four members-in-waiting and forced an emergency summit to be called for July 15 in Brussels.

"My judgement will not change under any circumstances. There is no point in inviting me to reconsider,' British Prime Minister John Major told the summit.

Mr. Major was acting under intense pressure from the Euro-sceptic members of his divided Conservative Party who view Mr. Dehaene as a dangerous enthusiast for deeper European integra-

The veto almost certainly means the 12 will have to look for somebody else to replace Frenchman Jacques Delors, who is to leave the commission in January, although Mr. Dehaene announced he would remain

Britain's isolation was re-

CORFU, Greece (R) - Bri- miniscent of the turbulent tain vetoed the appointment 1980s when blunt-spoken Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher clashed repeatedly with the other 11 states in many furious rows over money and the pace and direction of European integration.

Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, host and chairman of the summit, said the veto reflected Britain's outsider role in the 12-nation bloc.

The British insistence on not accepting the proposal of all the others is due very likely to a completely different approach to a united Europe and what duties and responsibilities one has in being a member of the union," he said.

Saturday's veto came after an extraordinary series of meetings between the EU leaders that began with a secret ballot late on Friday and involved them being called back for more consultations in the early hours of Saturday as many were in their cars heading for their

An informal poll gave Mr. Dehaene eight votes, Dutch Prime Minister Rund Lubbers three votes and EU Trade Commissioner Leon Brittan, Mr. Major's candi-

## U.S.-N. Korean summit possible

WASHINGTON (Agencies)
— U.S. President Bill Clinton could hold a summit meeting with North Korean counterpart Kim II Sung if Pyongyang mends its ways, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher has said.

"If they would join the community of nations in a proper way, if they would start having the kind of conduct that justifies a meeting with the president of the United States, I'm sure President Clinton would be glad to do so," Mr. Christopher said in an interview on CNN tele-

But for the present, Mr. "has not established the kind of a record" that would justify a summit meeting with President Clinton, he added.

Washington and Pyongyang do not have diplomatic relations, but both countries are due to meet early next month in Geneva to discuss bilateral relations.

U.S. and North Korean diplomats took the first steps Friday toward resuming negotiations suspended over disputes over Pyongyang's nuclear programme, the State Department said.

The officials met in New York to plan the third round of high-level talks scheduled to begin early next month in Geneva, according to spokes-man Mike McCurry, who said that an official date would be announced soon.

He stressed that the agreement to resume the talks was based on specific assurances from North Korea. "including our understanding that they would be willing to discuss fully implementing the of the proliferation treaty and their existing safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency'

Washington suspended the third round of negotiations in March after North Korea barred inspections of its nuclear facilities, which are suspected of being used for developing weapons.



Palestinians to graduate as policemen after equipment on Saturday (AFP photo)

## 'No AID office in East Jerusalem'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government offered assurances to concerned members of Congress on Fri-day that East Jerusalem will not be used as a headquarters for distributing assistance to Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza.

J. Brian Atwood, administrator of the Agency for In-ternational Development (AID), informed the group Friday that the office would not be set up in East Jeru-

There have been reports in recent days that East Jeru-salem had been under consideration for the office. About a dozen members of Congress had complained last week that placing the AID office in East Jerusalem could bolster Palestinian claims to the city. Mr. Atwood met with

them, and according to administration and congressional source, said AID did not intend to open an office in East Jerusalem. "That is not an option," he was quoted as Instead, the AID adminis-

trator said Jericho and Gaza would be considered, and that the choice depended in part on security. He also did not rule out West Jerusalem. Later, in a telephone inter-

view with the Associated Press, Mr. Atwood said, "we never intended to put an office in East Jerusalem. It sidered....No one is propos-He added that AID intends to have offices in either

was never seriously con-

Jericho, Gaza or both. In his meeting with the congressmen, Mr. Atwood said the administration had held talks with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin about opening the office in West

Jerusalem. Mr. Gilman and Mr. Engel told him, however, the United States should not be meeting the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) either in East or West

"I don't believe that after a decision is made there is an issue here," Mr. Atwood assured them.

#### nominated for Oxford University's highest honorary depree, said a spokeswoman Friday. Congregation, the

university's parliament, will meet pext week to approve a degree of Doctor of Civil Law by Diploma to Mandela — the same honour bestowed on American President Bill Clinton earlier this month. "Subject to Congregation's approval next week, we will invite President Mandela to Oxford at a time to suit his busy schedule," a university spokeswoman was quoted as saying in the Telegraph.

#### **Half of Taiwan** county council jalied in scandai

TAIPEI (R) — A Taiwan court has jailed 30 members of a county council, including the speaker, for offering or accepting bribes in the is-land's worst vote-buying scandal, a court spokes-woman said Saturday. The court decision sent half of the 60 councillors in north Taiwan's Taoyuan County to jail for terms ranging from 10 months to two years, she said. Two councillors were acquitted Friday in the case, which has seen all but six of the council's members under indictment for corruption connected with the election of a new speaker for the council. The others under indictment will be tried later. Speaker Hsu Chen-Yun was sentenced to two years imprisonment for offering counciliors Taiwan dollars, 3 million (\$111,000) each plus overseas travel if they voted for him for speaker. He told local media he would appeal. The former speaker, Wu Chen-Huan, accused of offering the same amount for votes in his unsuccessful bid for reelection, will be tried later. The present deputy speaker, Lin Chuan-Kuo, will also be tried in the second group for allegedly offering \$37,000 a

#### Youngest boy charged with rape cleared by court

LONDON (R) — A boy charged with raping a girl in a sandpit at their school when he was 12, the youngest person charged with rape in Britain, was cleared by a court Friday. The boy, now 13, denied raping the 12-year-old girl in November last year. His lawyers said there was no evidence to prove sexual intercourse and argued that the girl was a willing partner. The boy was the youngest to be tried for the crime since a change in British law allowed youngsters under 14 to be charged with rape. Police on the Isle of Wight, off southern Eng-land, said they did not regret bringing the case. "It was a case which was properly brought, properly defended and properly tried," said Detective Inspector Martin Parsons, who headed the inquiry.

#### Indian customs seize priceless coins

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Indian authorities seized more than 40,000 priceless antique coins and arrested an Australian and a Fijian as they prepared to board a plane for Hong Kong, officials said Friday. Customs agents seized 6,652 coins from V.J.A. Flynn, 57, a retired solicitor from Canberra, and Sadasivan Mudalliar, 20, a Fijian, at the international airport here, customs collector Anand Bordia said. It is an offense in India' to remove anything from the country which is considered to be an antique by the Archeological Survey of India. After questioning the duo, the officials raided a south Delhi house where they found another 34,149 precious coins and arrested an Indian. The trio were said to be members of a gang smuggling ancient Indi-an coins out of the country. The pair have been remanded in custody for 15 days. Bordia said the authorities believe they have "bustedian" important smuggling chain involved in depleting valuable Indian antique treasure." He said experts had described the haul as "price-

## French seek trade with Baghdad

France's belief that interna-

AMMAN (AP) - A team of French businessmen was in Baghdad earlier this week to discuss possible trade deals with Iraq when a four-year embargo of that country is lifted, a senior French diplomat said Saturday.

The 18 businessmen concluded their two-day visit to Iraq Friday and returned to Jordan on their way home, said the diplomat, who insisted on anonymity.

He said the delegation represented the French Conglomerate Conseil National du Patronat Français International (CNPFI). It was headed by CNPFI's directorgeneral, Thierry Courtaigne.

One of the team members. interviewed Saturday in Amman on condition of anonymity, described the visit as purely commercial." "We went to evaluate the

situation there," he said, insisting that no deals had been sealed. The visit underscored

tional sanctions imposed on Baghdad after Iraq's August 1990 invasion of Kuwait may soon be lifted. As one of Iraq's major

trading partners before the war, Paris appears set to secure a leading role for its companies when Iraq is open to business again.

In their talks in Baghdad, the Frenchmen told the Iraqis that "French companies remain at the disposal of the Iraqis to supply any commodity but in full compliance with international sanctions diplomat said.

Only food and medicines are exempt from the embargo. But the Iraqi government says it has no money to pay for such necessities because the embargo has throttled its oil exports depriving it of its

main source of income. The U.N. Security Council says the sanctions would be lifted only after Baghdad has fully complied with the Gulf war ceasefire resolutions that ordered the dismantling of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. But the United States and

some of its Western allies argue that the sanctions cannot be lifted before Baghdad meets other conditions, including recognition of a new U.N.-drawn Kuwait-Iraq border and improvement of human rights.

Since the United Nations imposed the sanctions against Iraq, many French, Italian. American, Canadian, Au stralian, Turkish, Russian and Chinese traders and diplomats have publicly and secretly visited Baghdad.

French oil companies Total S.A. and ELF-Aquitaine signed contracts with Iraqi oil officials in Geneva earlier this year allowing them to launch oil exploration pro-jects and develop production when the sanctions are lifted.

## From Dead Sea to Red Sea — a trail of occupation

This is the second in a series of reports filed by the writer after a two-day trip through areas in close proximity to Jordanian territory occupied by Israel and the subject of Jordanian-Israeli negotiations starting next month. The first part appeared in the Jordan Times on Saturday.

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

A drive down the Ghor

Safi-Aqaba road shows signs of Israel's occupation of Jordanian land. In some places, the "border" fence is only a few metres from the road, with a mudtrack running alongside it for Jordanian military patrols but the Israeli patrol route is a safe 100 metres away. Indeed, the area is fascinating for first-time visitors. It was down this road that Israel expelled many Palestinians to the East Bank since 1967 after Jordan refused to take them in across the King Hussein Bridge. Israeli buses used to literally dump expellees in the vastness of the desert a few hundred metres from the road near the border fence, leaving Jordan with

Signposts on the fence say the area is mined. Army officers were reluctant to discuss the occasional infiltration attempts. We keep the entire area under close surveillance all the time," said an officer who heads an army unit in charge of a southern sector.

little choice but to accept

"There were a few (infiltration) attempts here and

there," he added. Army checkpoints are frequent on the road and certain segments of the route are completely sealed off for civilian traffic at

night, he said. On the Israeli side, the entire ceasefire line is patrolled day and night by heavily armed Israeli soldiers equipped with infrared night-vision glasses and backed by watchtowers.

There are many Israeli colonies beyond the hillside in occupied Palestine, but we cannot see them from here," said the officer. But Israeli farms in Jordanian land are clearly visible.

Jordanian roads into those occupied areas are heavily damaged, but army engineers are now at work at some sites repairing the 'roads in anticipation of the return of the areas to Jor-

On its side of the British mandate lines, Israel has built several industrial units, among them a brass and alloys plant, one of the largest in the region.

An alloys plant may be harmless, but not so the Israeli nuclear reactor at Dimona over the looming hills. "We are only about 50 kilometres from the reactor on the other side of the hill," said the army officer. That may be the distance by road, but it is an alarming proximity since the distance could be less "as the crow flies."

Down the road nearer to the port of Aqaba and the Israeli port of Eilat is an area called Qa Taba, one of the sites named in the Israeli media as a site for the Jordanian-Israeli nego-

tiations. But it is difficult to see how delegates could meet there, given that there are

no buildings at all in the



A view of Ellat from a Jordanian watchtower at Aqaba (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

area, which is more like an oven in summer than a site for diplomatic discussions.

"They might want to build tents straddling the border, with one peg on the Jordanian side and the other on the Israeli side, and start the negotiations," someone in the bus joked.

At a place called Al Qarandel — a rehashed version of the British name "waterhole" — the wreck

of an army vehicle appears in the middle of nowhere in the desert. Hardened mud rather than sand made up the cracked surface as if it had

rained only a day or two

earlier. But that is the

topography of the area be-

cause of its underground water, which had attracted the British and others to the site in the first place at

the turn of the century. The area, because of its flatness and the availability of water, was used by the British in the war against the Turks in World War I.

Jordanian inspection of the vehicle many years later found that an antiarmour shell had pierced the vehicle and exploded, killing all three occupants inside, officers said. Now the metal wreck

stands in mute testimony to

the conflict and bloodshed

that wrecked the region

since anyone could remem-

ber; and so is an airstrip

used by the British air force

to ferry in supplies from Cairo. The "runway" still looks strong enough to hold heavy transport

Rich wheatfields are abundant in the area, which gets good rainfalls and has good underground sources. That explains the presence of Israeli farms down the valley, where water flowing down from the Jordanian mountains ends

"Trust the Israelis not to waste any opportunity, said a journalist in the group.

From the same site, one could see heavy traffic on

the main north-south

Israeli highway that runs up

several strategically placed Jordanian and Israeli watchtowers dotting the skyline. To the left of the Ghor

Safi-Aqaba road are small Jordanian villages overlooking the Israelioccupied zones. Although they looked isolated, army officers explained, almost every village is connected to the national power grid and gets fairly good quality of water. They also have schools and health centres.

Farming is the main occupation of the villagers, but the very Israeli presence across the fence is a dissuading factor for many to launch big projects in the

All these areas could undergo dramatic changes in peacetime, said negotiator Dr. Haddadin. What we are aiming for is integrated development of the entire region. It will take time, but it can be

The media tour ended on the Aqaba beach where a few metres of the Jordanian fence run into the waters of the Red Sea with Eilat only an earshot away. The British mandate

maps defined the Jordanian boundary at "two miles to the west from the nearest Jordanian building" on the Red Sea shore. This would place the actual boundary perhaps in the reception area of an Eilat hotel.

Through a high-powered binoculars, one could clearly see the main roads of Eilat with flashing neon signs in Hebrew and silhouttes in the crowded beaches in the fading sun. An Israeli fighter plane landed as another took off,

a daily gesture that Aqaba residents say is clearly aimed at reminding them of their Israeli presence at the doorstep. Watchtowers are less than 100 metres apart at Eilat. "It is a five-minute walk to Eilat," said an army lieutenant. "It could also be a lifetime. Perhaps this would change soon. "Everything is possible," said Dr. Haddadin. "What

we want is our rights and respect for our sovereignty and territorial integrity as defined in international law. Nothing more, nothing less." There should not be any

strategic reasons for Israel not to return our land to us," said Dr. Hadaddin when asked whether he anticipated any Israeli stalling in the negotiations expected to start next month. "In any event, there is nothing to argue about. The land is Jordanian and they have to return it to us, period," he added. The talks are expected to begin in the third week of July, according to reports.

There are a dozen sites under consideration as the venue for the talks, which, for the first time since the Madrid conference, are being shifted to Jordan and Israel.

"We cannot sit in Washington and discuss and delineate the borders from there," said Dr. Haddadin. The negotiations have to be in the region, close to the territory being negotiated, so that the process could be expedited.

"I crossed the Atlantic 13 times - both up and down - in the last one year for the negotiations," said Dr. Haddadin. "It is a tiring process."

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